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Skal Club Luncheon On Dutch Ship

Thirty members of Skal Club (The Hong Kong Travel Association) were entertained at a luncheon aboard the Royal Intercoastal Line's ss. Tjitalenka yesterday.

They were welcomed by Mr. J. H. Wanning (President, RIL), and Captain J. M. van der Meer, who said he was very glad to have the Skal club there as his guests.

Mr. J. V. Kamerling, Chairman of Skal club, then thanked Mr. Wanning for his kind gesture in inviting the Skal club aboard the Tjitalenka for lunch, and said he was especially glad that at the birth of the ship, which was Skal club, had been a difficult, and like all babies, born under such circumstances, it had to be nursed with care and fondness.

Mr. Kamerling was sure, he said, that it would be fed well today, and recalled that at the beginning of the month Skal club members in Batavia, had also had a meeting aboard the Tjitalenka and it was therefore particularly interesting to have this luncheon on the same vessel, as the Tjitalenka forms a link with the Skal club in Batavia, and that in Hong Kong.

He went on to emphasise once more the international character of the Skal club movement.

Continuing, Mr. Kamerling said he particularly welcomed Mr. Hans Vogt (Manager of the Willem Muller & Co. Travel Bureau, Basle, Switzerland).

Mr. Vogt then gave a very interesting talk on the difficulties of travel in these days, and stressed the main difficulties that have to be overcome, before one can travel. He gave as an example, the fact that, for a trip of a few days to Macao, he had had to apply to the Hong Kong authorities for a permit to re-enter the Colony on his return.

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The Hong Kong-London Radio Telephone circuit was used for the first time (except for tests) on Wednesday to relay an eyewitness account of the Yangtze incident involving the attack on British warships by Chinese Communist Army batteries.

The interview with Lieutenant Jack Considine, Navigating Officer of HMS Consort, whose home address is No. 337, Raglan Street, Lowestoft, England, was telephoned from Hong Kong through Cable and Wireless radio-telephone. At London it was recorded for use in the BBC Radio News reel.

The interview which took place in the studios of Radio Hong Kong gave a detailed account of HMS Consort's trip from Nanking to Shanghai and the attempt to reach HMS Amethyst.

Lieutenant Considine said: "HMS Consort had been in Nanking for four weeks when in the early morning of April 20, HMS Amethyst sailed from Shanghai to leave us on duty in the Chinese capital."

"At 10 a.m. the same day we received a signal saying that the sloop, Amethyst, was under heavy fire. We immediately raised steam to sail to her assistance."

"At midday the sloop had been signalled to us by Amethyst, toasting seven Ensigns and three Union Jacks so that there could be no mistake in the nationality of ship, we proceeded at 28 knots."

"On approaching the vicinity, we went to action stations and shortly afterwards Amethyst was sighted aground at Rose Island, steaming at 28 knots in the Yangtze, which is an extremely difficult river to navigate owing to shifting sandbanks and the fact that the channel is not buoyed."

"We were a tricky manoeuvre for far as navigation is concerned, but we had no trouble in keeping to the middle of the channel."

"When we first sighted Amethyst, she was about five miles ahead of us downstream and until that time everything was rather quiet, as we had been fired on only once by a machine gun."

First Salvo
"Five minutes after having sighted Amethyst, however, I heard the first salvo go over the bridge where I was standing. We then opened up with our main armament on the batteries that were shelling us."

"We were still travelling at high speed. We signalled Amethyst by a lamp to stand by to take our tow lines, but she replied: 'have heavy casualties, and wounded are on the quarterdeck.'"

"As she was aground by the bows, we would have had to tow her stern first and this was, therefore, impossible."

"Amethyst at full speed, firing full salvos from our main armament and silencing three batteries on the North bank."

"During our first run down we silenced most of the opposition at that time, and about three miles downstream turned to come back to the assistance of Amethyst."

"During the whole of this time I was on the bridge, and saw our salvos bursting among the batteries on the North bank."

"The ship had by then been hit several times and casualties were being taken into the quarterdeck, which was our first aid centre. Having reduced speed and turned upriver towards Amethyst, we were once again engaged by shore batteries, returning fire the whole time."

"Change over was proceeded upriver to within 2,000 yards of Amethyst, and were then engaged by other batteries ashore, which scored several hits, two of which put the steering gear out of action; and made it necessary for us to steer by our secondary steering gear in the after tiller flat."

"By this time, the sloop compass had also been put out of action, and we were steering the ship by landmarks on the river bank."

Could See Soldiers
"We could see the soldiers manning their guns, and their fire was most accurate, the shells coming very close to the bridge. As we passed Amethyst I noticed that her after guns had been shot away, and that her signalling was coming from the foredeck, which meant that her bridge had also been put out of action."

"As we passed her, she signalled us that some of her wounded were being taken ashore by boat, and that they intended staying the night at that particular spot until daylight."

"By this time our wireless office had been hit, severing our connection with the flag ship, HMS London. Just before this, we learnt that the cruiser, London, and the sloop, Black Swan, were coming upriver from Shanghai to our assistance."

"The opposition was so heavy, the Captain decided to take our wounded down to meet London, who was arriving at the Chinese port of Kiangyin at 7.30 p.m. for further medical attention."

"On our last run downriver to land our wounded, the shore batteries on the North bank opened up on us, causing our major casualties. Having silenced about three of these batteries, we were able to reach Kiangyin after a very difficult passage, having almost run into the South bank, owing to our compasses having been shot away, and our steering gear being controlled by telephone."

"We eventually returned to Shanghai the next day, having put our serious casualties on board HMS London. We then sailed for Hong Kong, steering by magnetic compass in thick fog, the passage being delayed for three hours, due to fog."

"Despite the whole tragedy of this incident between the Royal Navy and the Chinese Communist forces, I should very much like to say how much I was impressed by the behaviour of all the young seamen on board both my own ship HMS Consort, and the other ships of the fleet and of all involved in this action."

Master Has Long Career As Skipper
Captain F. Robinson, 56-year-old Commodore of the "BT" Fleet, took command of the ss. Tairea last October.

During his 31 years' service as skipper, Captain Robinson had commanded 32 "BT" ships.

Beginning his life at the age of 16 years as a cadet, he became an officer after five years aboard his first ship, ss. Takelak, which was on the China run.

Born in Scarborough, Yorkshire, the genial skipper is the only one of four brothers to have gone to sea.

Captain Robinson saw service in many war theatres.

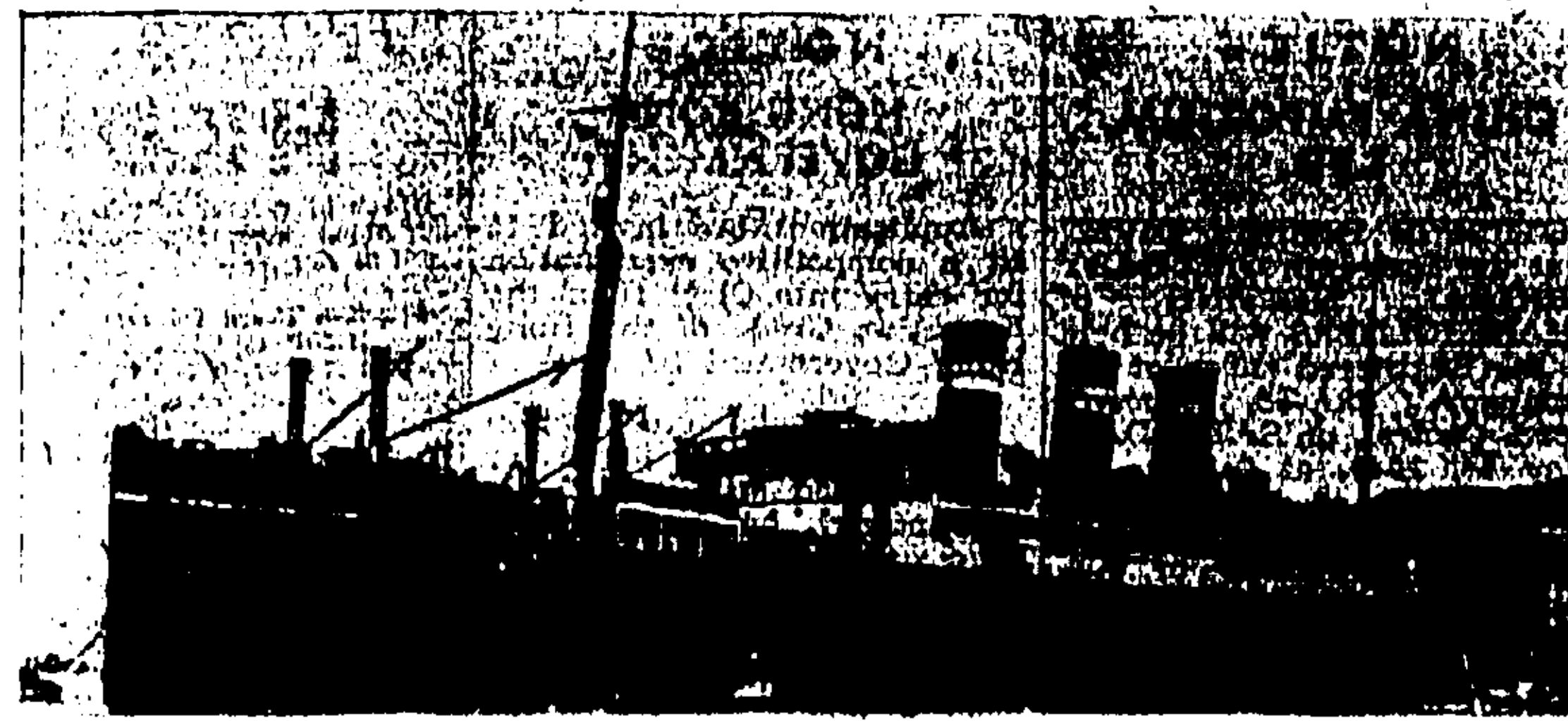
He was "in the drink" once when his ship, the ss. Tallawa, was torpedoed off the Arabian Sea while carrying passengers from Bombay to East Africa. He was drifting in a raft and lifeboat for 24 hours before he was picked up together with his colleagues.

During 1938 and 1941, when the Tairea was operating as a hospital ship, Captain Robinson was in command.

"I was here last time in 1938. The environs have not changed very much. In fact I scarcely notice any change at all, he smiled when interviewed in his cabin aboard the Tairea yesterday.

The very same pilot who took him on his last visit, Lau Wah-sun, was the first person to welcome Captain Robinson on his arrival yesterday.

A bachelor, Captain Robinson is due to retire this October. "I may probably go to Australia or South Africa, and be a gentleman of leisure. No more work for me," he declared.



ss. TAIREA

Three-Funnel Steamer In Hong Kong Again

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

After an absence of more than 10 years, the three-funnel British steamer Tairea made her appearance again in local waters yesterday, arriving from Calcutta via the Straits.

On board the sleek liner is Captain F. Robinson, Commodore of the "BT" Fleet, whose last visit here was 11 years ago.

The ss. Tairea brought back from Singapore Mr. D. W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Hong Kong Police, and Mr. G. S. Wilson, JP.

She had about 1,000 passengers, including Chinese, Indians and Nepalese, who disembarked here yesterday. The Nepalese were troops of the Gurkha Regiment, coming from the Straits to augment the local personnel.

En route to Amoy are about 520 Chinese, who embarked at Calcutta, Burma and the Straits.

Huddled closely together but in good order on the open (tween) decks are men, women and babies, returning to their native villages.

Caught between two fires—the Malayan guerrilla warfare and the Nationalist-Red struggle in China—these people have chosen, to quote a student, "the lesser of two evils."

"At least, when the Reds take over our place, we can carry on and live in peace," said a veteran Swatow-born farmer, who had successfully carried on business in Penang for about 10 years.

In Malaya today, the Chinese are undergoing a trying time under bandit terrorism and indiscriminate Government surveillance, he declared. Many Chinese have innocently been imprisoned on suspicion.

"Of course they would eventually be released," but the harm has been done," he said; Bandits placed them under threat of death to "squeeze" on their subversive operations.

"Many of these people never expected the situation in China to degenerate so seriously. When we left, speculation was to the advantage of the Government," he said.

One of the few Burma-Chinese passengers, awaiting the departure of the Tairea from Hong Kong, is 19-year-old Peter Vong, who is joining the Chinese Air Force to help fight against the Communists.

"I had to leave the Rangoon University, where I was studying science, when the Karen-Burman conflict closed the campus," the teen-ager said.

To Stay Put
"The situation in China was not so serious when I left Rangoon. But if the Reds do take the Southern cities, including Fochow, where I intend to begin training, I will stay put for some time and quit for Rangoon. Chinese in Burma do not suffer so much as a result of the local Karen-Burman struggle," the teen-ager said. They are well treated and left very much alone.

"The Burmese Government have sent down to Singapore four young military personnel to be trained there as artillery instructors. This is the first group of its kind. The men will return by July."

Relating an incident, involving the four lance corporals of the Burmese Army, young Vong said that as the Tairea was entering Singapore Harbour a quarrel ensued between them and a group of Fukienses over room space.

"About 10 men were wounded. Women and children scattered screaming for dear life from the scene, where blood splattered freely."

"The whole thing was eventually settled by the ship's personnel," Vong declared. He himself suffered superficial bruises on his back.

Arrivals who disembarked here included Major C. B. Gray, Mrs. M. H. Gray, Mr. C. B. E. Heathcote-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. Edlin, Second Lieutenant D. Jackson, Mr. K. S. Lo, Mr. Alfred Rudke, Mrs. R. Rudke, Mr. Theron E. van Scooter, Mr. D. Khan, Mr. B. Ditta, Mrs. W. Bai, Miss S. Devi, and Miss B. Vati.

The ss. Tairea is one of three sister ships of the British India Navigation Company Line.

All the three-funnel vessels were formerly of the Apen Line, which were incorporated into the "BT" Fleet.

The Tairea was torpedoed off Tobruk during the last war and sank. The second steamer, Takwiva, caught fire off the Andamans and sank, also during the last war.

The Tairea was converted into a troopship in 1938 and ferried personnel to the South African front.

In 1940 she was again converted into a hospital ship and evacuated the wounded from the Somaliland Campaign along the beachheads. She later repatriated British and Italian wounded and helped the Eighth Army in evacuating the wounded and other personnel.

A marble stone, with "Long Live Benito Mussolini" (in Italian), is placed up on the boat deck as a souvenir of the repatriation operation.

In 1946-47, she returned to her present peacetime role, and plied along the South African coast.

The Sketching Party of the Hong Kong Art Club will be held on the Mainland on Sunday. Members are to assemble at the Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, at 2.30 p.m.

Members who have cars are requested to assist with transport.

More Cables For Shanghai

As on the Hong Kong-Shanghai Radio Telephone Service, heavy traffic has been experienced on the telegraph cable and wireless circuit between the two cities. Traffic handled by Cable and Wireless during the last few days has more than doubled the daily average of a week ago.

Personalia

Mr. J. P. Moyles left Hong Kong for Swatow yesterday by the ss. Tsinan.

Among the passengers who left by the ss. Tsinan yesterday for Swatow was Mrs. N. Vinogradoff.

Mr. Ernest S. Powell left Hong Kong for Saigon on Wednesday by Air France.

Among the arrivals from Shanghai yesterday by CPA were Mrs. L. W. Hsu, Mrs. C. W. W. the Reverend Mr. J. B. Kuo, Messrs. L. D. Loh, C. C. Liu, S. V. Tung, and T. F. Chee.

Messrs. Chun Ton-pun, Sy Tiong, Jesus Uy, and Yap Kian arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manila by CPA.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. P. F. Watkinson, Mrs. P. Philippe, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. T. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Tol, Messrs. A. Ruf, G. Perry, A. Lyman, J. P. Winslow, G. H. Smith, D. C. Van Tol, T. L. Fletcher, E. Parsons, H. R. Hornblow, and Colonel S. S. Lamb.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mrs. C. Godkin, Mrs. A. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Polly, Mr. and Mrs. M. Campos, Mr. and Mrs. J. Malcolm, Mrs. M. G. Cavin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shoenig, Messrs. B. J. Talbot, J. B. Huang, B. R. Williams, Y. Ho, C. M. Smith, P. Ungerer, R. Young, V. Shalom and Captain M. H. Stuart.

Mr. Chang Tak-ming and Mr. Wong Lau-sun of the Shanghai Chinese Seamen's Union left the Colony yesterday by plane for Shanghai.

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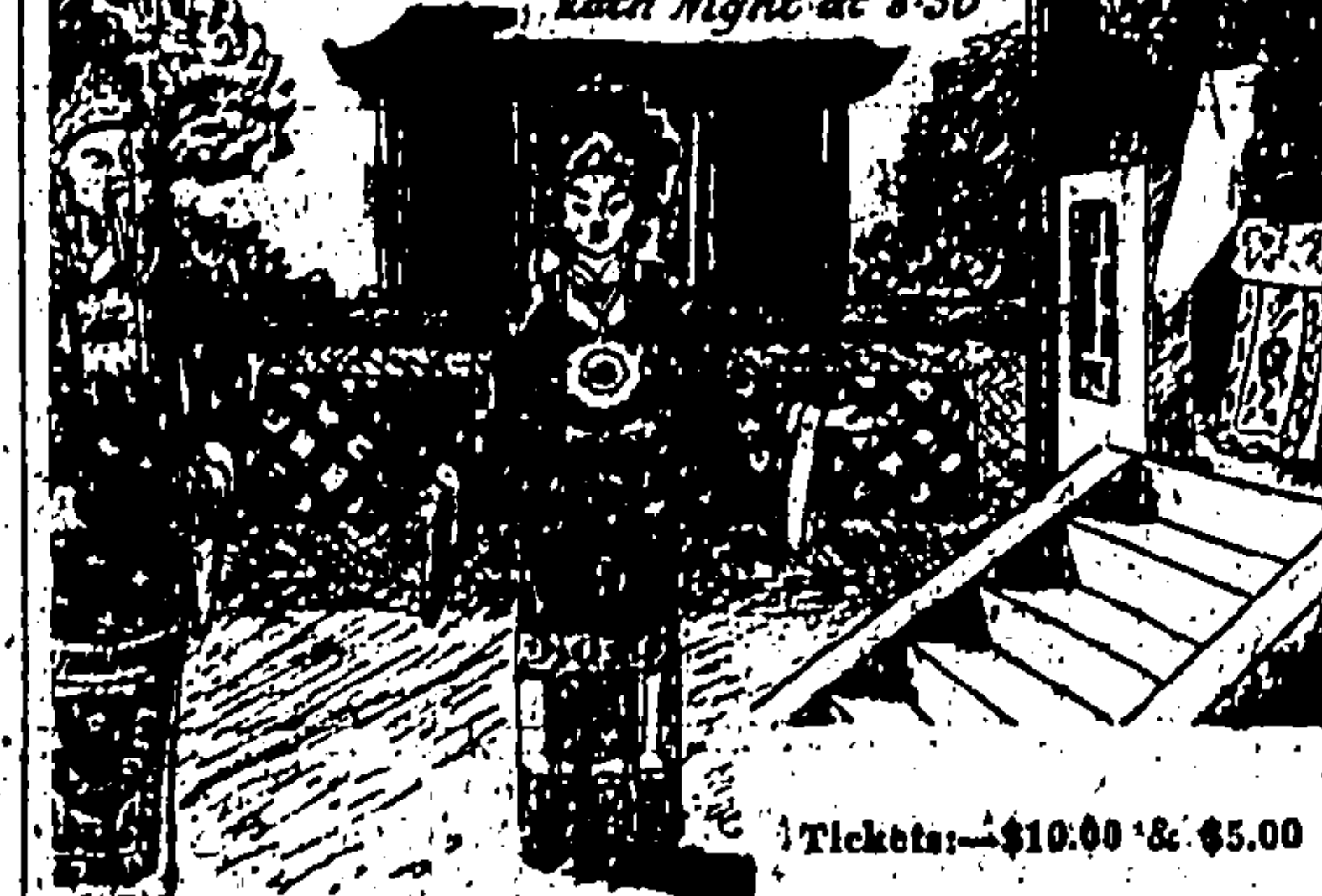
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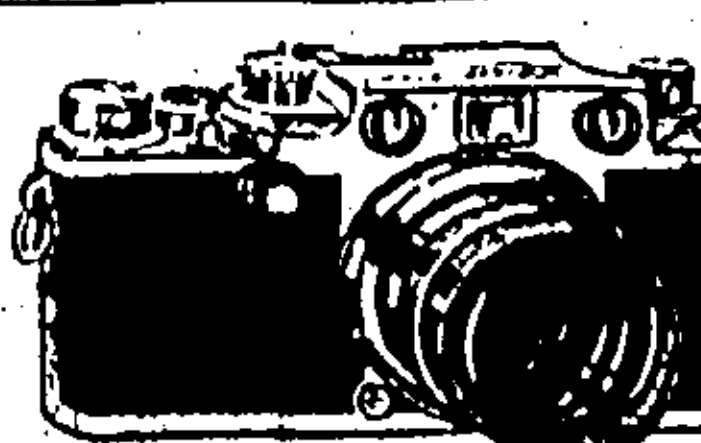
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Road, Central, on SATURDAY,
May 14, 1949, at 3 p.m. for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of Directors together
with the Statements of Ac-
counts for the year ended De-
cember 31, 1948 to elect Direc-
tors and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES
of the Company will be closed
from SUNDAY, May 1, 1949 to
SATURDAY, May 14, 1949,
both days inclusive, during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
CHUNG KWAN TING,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 28, 1949.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that
an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Company will
be held at the Office of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, on Friday, the 20th day
of May, 1949, at Noon for the
purpose of considering and, if
thought fit, passing the follow-
ing Resolution:—

"That the following shall be
substituted for Clause 95 in
the Articles of Association of
the Company:—

"Each Director of the Com-
pany shall be paid out of the
funds of the Company re-
muneration for his services at
the rate of \$2,500.00 per annum
and such further sums as the
Company in General Meeting
may from time to time deter-
mine."

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

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Orders For HKDF

Orders by Colonel L.T. Hild, Command-
ant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated
April 28 follow:—

Selection Board Officers: In order to
bring HKDF into line with the RNVR,
TA and RAFFIC it is notified for infor-
mation that all recruits in the Force
whether or not they have held commis-
sions previously, who either wish to apply
for or are considered suitable to hold
commissions, will have to pass a Selection
Board. The composition of this board
will be notified from time to time but it
will normally consist of the Commandant,
a senior officer of the Regular Forces,
appointed by the appropriate Service Com-
mander—a senior volunteer officer and a
secretary the Senior Staff Officer.

Attention: In order to simplify the
attestation procedure personnel who have
undergone their medical examination may,
if they so wish, present themselves to the
Senior Staff Officer at this HQ, any time
between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
daily (except Saturday and Sunday) when
they can be attended.

Inter-Services Shooting Competition:
It is hoped to enter a team for this com-
petition which will be held early in June.
Applicants who are registered with the Force
and who wish to be considered for the
team are asked to notify the RSM. Prac-
tices and instruction will be arranged in
order to produce the best team. In this
respect the Miniature Range at this HQ
will shortly be completed, the 30 yards
range at Kennedy Road is available and
arrangements will be made to use the
Open Range at Runwickers at weekends.

HKVDC Officers: (a) It was agreed, on
the disbandment of HKVDC, that all
officers of the Corps should retain their
active commissions for a period of three
months from the introduction of the Hong
Kong Defence Force Ordinance. This
time limit expires on May 31. After this
time unless they registered with HKDF
their active commission will terminate
and their volunteer service will be deemed
to have been broken. Those officers who
have already registered will of course
continue their service as volunteers. (b) It
is requested therefore that all HKVDC
officers who have not already registered
inform this HQ before the end of May of
their intention to either:—(i) re-enter in
HKDF or (ii) relinquish their commission
in HKVDC. This information is needed to
assist in clearing up HKVDC records.
(c) An officer of HKVDC who may
quit for one reason or another but
if he so wishes, be considered for the
rank of honorary rank. (d) Nothing
contained in the foregoing pre-
cludes any officer or ex-officer of HKVDC
from honorary membership of HKDF
Officers Mess.

Inter-Services Open Boxing Cham-
pionship: 1. The Finals of Inter-Services
Open Boxing Championships will take
place on May 10 at the China Fleet Club
commencing at 7 p.m. 2. Prices of ad-
mission are as follows:—Services \$1.25
and \$2.50; Public \$2.50 and \$5.00. Per-
sonnel wishing tickets should apply to the
Senior Staff Officer.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, 21st April to Thurs-
day 5th May, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
A. A. BREMNER,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

GIRL GUIDE PRESENTATION

At the Sandilands Hut, Girl
Guides Headquarters, a child-
ren's presentation was given to the
Fifth Kowloon Company who
won with 96 per cent in a Cam-
ping Day Competition.

Mrs. Wood, who is leaving the
Colony for Borneo in a fortnight,
said that the new Brownie Com-
missioner will be Mrs. C. Slinger.
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WHILE exulting over some
stroke of skill or good fortune,
it is not always wise to take it
for granted that you made the
best score possible on a parti-
cular deal. If you are in a tour-
nament, where the same cards
get played by other people, you
may find that somebody gained
the same score as you, or per-
haps a better one. So it is well
to watch what you say during
your gloatings, or you may be
embarrassed.

with seven tricks in clubs and
one with the diamond A. He
felt sure he had an absolute top
score, adding that "You can see
no game is possible in clubs."

If he took in too much territory
when he made that last state-
ment. One declarer did make 5
Clubs. West led the spade K,
which the A took. The diamond
A was followed by a first dia-
mond ruff, the club 9 to the 10
put him back into dummy for a
second diamond ruff, a club to
the A enabled him then to score
the diamond J and 9 for spade
discards, and at the end two
hearts were given up to East.

That procedure of course gave
the club declarer the same num-
ber of points as were scored by
the lucky No Trumpster, who
could have been set by a heart
lead.

Tomorrow's Problem

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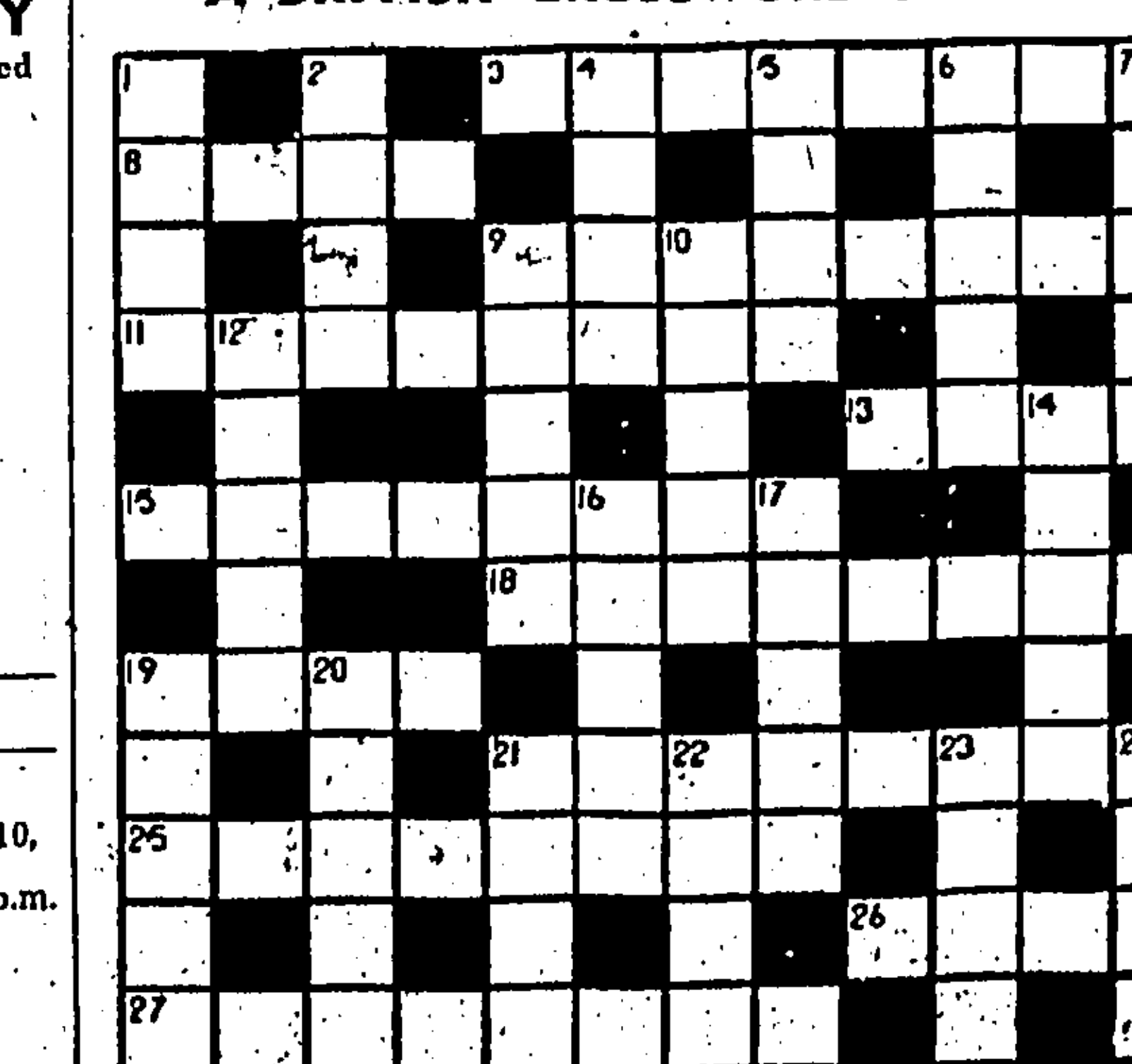
West North East South
Pass 1-D 1-S 2-C 3-NT
Pass 2-D Pass 3-NT

South bubbled all over as he
told kibitzers how his familiarity
with West's habits of mind had
caused him to make that 3-No
Trump bid when the hearts were
totally unstopped. He knew, he
said, that West would lead his
partner's suit, which he did.
South took that with the spade
A and then completed his game

(Dealer: North. Neither side
vulnerable).

How should South play at 3-
No Trumps after the diamond 4
is led?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Enjoyment. 18 Fearing.

6 Precious. 19 Denomina-

stone. 20 Denomina-

9 Prevail over. 21 Inner part.

11 Exalted. 22 Climbed.

13 Circle. 23 Retain.

15 Exhausts. 27 Wealth.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Grails, 4 Freed, 7

Absolute, 8 Realm, 9 Blight, 11

Emerald, 13 Venture, 15 Digest,

16 Scum, 19 Relished, 20 Loose,

21 Drover.

DOWN—1 Oasis, 2 Thong, 3

Butter, 4 Pierce, 5 Excavate, 6

Doomed, 10 Innuendo, 12 Med-

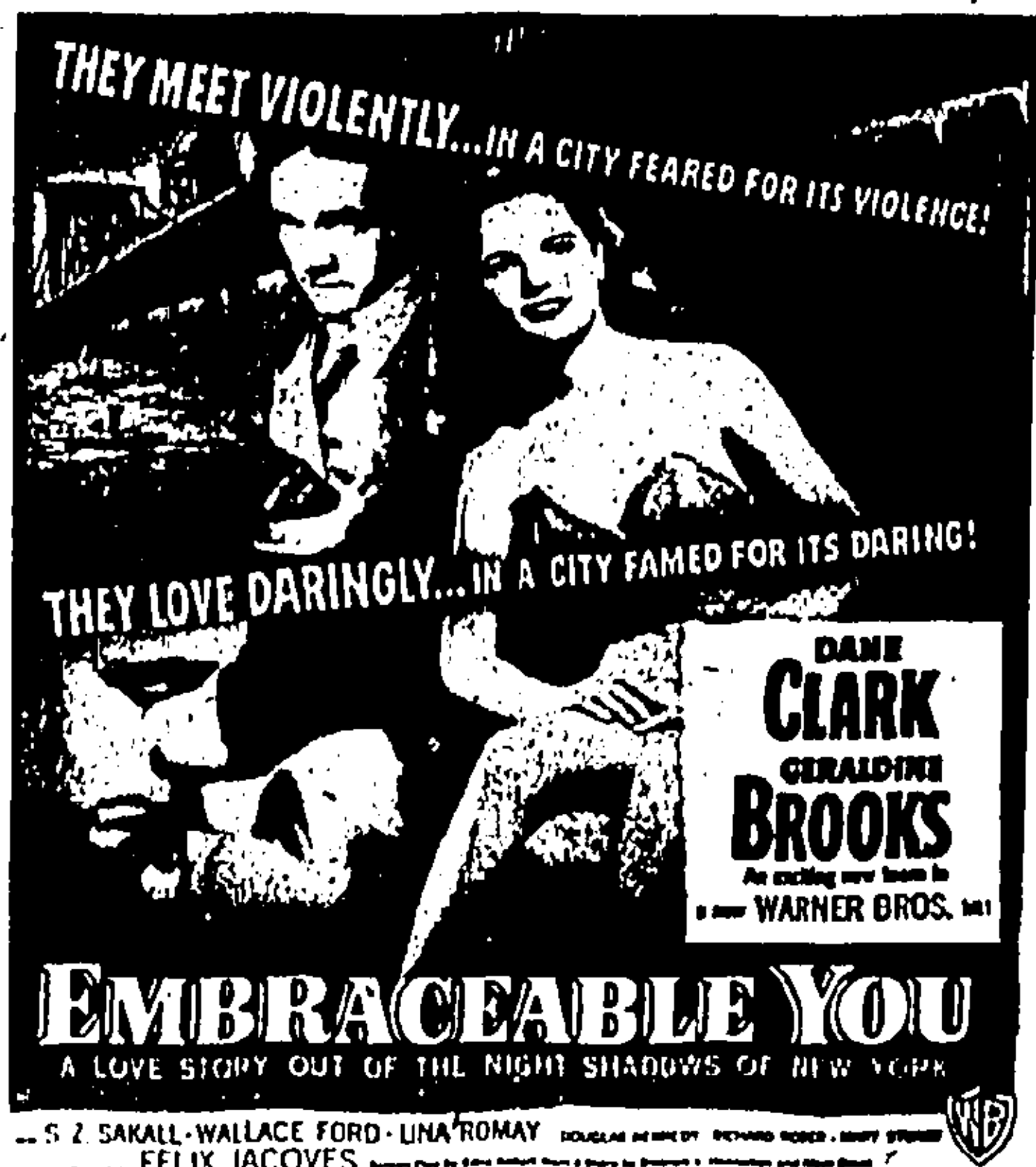
died, 18 Vassal, 19 Untrue, 16

Gusto, 17 Tudor.

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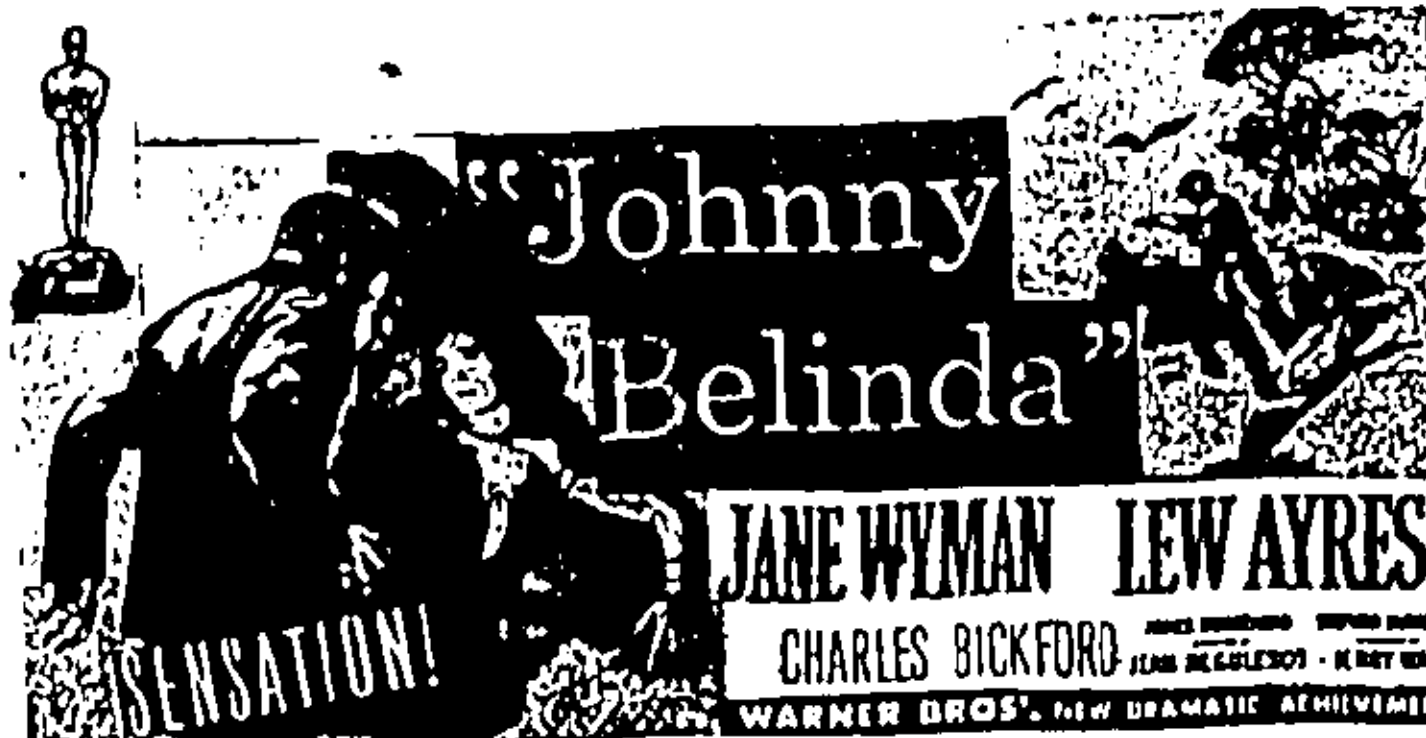
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CINEMA WORLD

Immortal Story Of
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The immortal story of one of the great epics of human endeavour, "Scott of the Antarctic," which comes to the Lee Theatre next week, is a moving and accurate account of the gallant explorer's last expedition and a worthy tribute to the self-sacrifice of him and his companions.

John Mills, as Captain Scott, gives a memorable performance, while the rest of the cast is outstanding, having been chosen not only for their acting ability but also for the resemblance to the people they portray.

There is Derek Bond, who portrays Captain Oates, Harold Warrender, who plays Dr. Wilson, James Robertson Justice, who is PO Evans, and Reginald Bewith, who is cast as Bowers.

The Antarctic expedition is exceptionally well-documented, and this reviewer has found that most of the incidents and dialogue in the film have been derived from Scott's diaries and from first-hand information from survivors of the original exploration party.

"Scott of the Antarctic" can be put down as one of the most dramatic pictures made in recent years, and few pictures can rival the beauty, tragedy and depth of feeling that comes to the screen in Technicolor against an authentic Antarctic background. It is a moving and accurate account of one of the great epics of human endeavour.

This pictorial record of the immortal last journey of Captain Scott and his gallant companions is a worthy tribute to their courage and self-sacrifice. Their backgrounds and inter-relationships supply the fine threads of human emotion with which the main theme is interwoven.

German Picture
In Final Stages

In dubbing stages at present is "Marriage in the Shadow," a German production.

This film was made in the recently established DEFA Studios of the Soviet Zone of Berlin by the well known German film director Kurt Maetzig.

There are some very brutal shots of Nazis smashing the windows of Jewish shops during the anti-Semitic barbarities of the middle thirties.

The story tells of the love of a non-Jewish actor for a young Jewess. It is a tragedy built on the reality of many thousands of such travesties which now are so easily forgotten or dismissed from mind.

Cynthia Is
The Type
You'll Like

The joys and tears of a typical American family and the first romance of their teenage daughter are treated with gentle humour and tenderness in "Cynthia," which opens at the Queen's Theatre today.

Elizabeth Taylor, star of the film, achieves a modest personal triumph in this homespun tale as a pretty high school girl who is denied the pleasures and associations of her age because of an ever-anxiety and solicitude on the part of her parents.

The cost of raising a family has caused Larry Bishop (George Murphy), Cynthia's father, to abandon an early dream of becoming a doctor and to hold on to a subservient job in a hardware store.

Cynthia's mother (Mary Astor) likewise has had to cast aside ambitions of a musical career and to substitute for it the weary routine of a housewife.

A domineering uncle, Dr. Fred, who keeps plaguing Cynthia with pills and injections, is another member of this dissatisfied family against whom Cynthia has to make a determined stand in order to lead the richer life she deserves.

And a stand she makes. Overriding all objections and obstacles, she not only embarks on a romantic encounter with Ricky Latham, her high school hero, but inspires her defeatist father to stand up against his boss, removes the weight of the meddling and officious Uncle Fred from the house, and starts the whole family on a fresh path toward happiness.

Elizabeth Taylor makes a delightful Cynthia, shifting from deep gloom to high spirits in typical teen-age vacillation. George Murphy and Mary Astor, her parents, are well cast as the disturbed and disenchanted parents, although George would look much better as the leader of a band than as a hardware store manager.

All told, "Cynthia" is an enjoyable and light folksy little piece of entertainment.

Next week-end, the Queen's Theatre will screen "Trader Horn," a picture of vintage 1930 that still holds all the thrills to satisfy the 1949 appetite of movie-goers.



Danny Kaye, as a mild-mannered music professor, falls in love with glamorous torch-singer Virginia Mayo in Samuel Goldwyn's musical comedy, "A Song Is Born," which co-stars the pair and features some of the nation's leading jazz musicians. The picture comes to the King's Theatre.

Danny Kaye Gives
Birth To A Song

Jazz fans and those who think of Danny Kaye as the best antidote for a head-ache, tooth-ache, stomach-ache and what-have-you, should make "A Song Is Born," coming next week to the King's Theatre, a "must" on their movie list.

Fans of Kaye will find their idol rather subdued and less inspiring than the man who "giggled" his way through a score of laugh hits and made himself by virtue of his clean and healthy humour, one of the best comedians in show business.

He is, however, still the one and only Danny Kaye.

What makes "A Song Is Born" a highly enjoyable picture is its musical theme. The film deals with the growth of American popular music, a type of music that has the irresistible beat and rhythm, that can be gay and rhythmic, that can have the power of a locomotive in sheer exuberance and again be so slow and mournful as the Blues.

And the film certainly bristles with famous musicians whose names are by-words to every live fan. To mention the most outstanding: Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Louis Armstrong, Lionel Hampton, Charlie Barnet, Mel Powell and the Golden Gate Quartet.

These soloists combine their talents to bring to the screen the story of jazz. Their effort adds up to some tuneful rhythm which has Danny Kaye, playing second fiddle many times. Most memorable scene is the one in which all chip in to make picture's title song one of the best pieces of modern American music to hit the screen.

The story opens in New York. Seven professors have worked for years on a History of Music. Professor Frisbee (Danny himself) in charge of the American section, is confident that ragtime is up to the minute.

But when two window washers introduce him to swing and live and boogie woogie, Frisbee determines to explore the world of jazz himself. He tours the city's night clubs and eventually invites to his house the Messrs. Dorsey, Armstrong, Hampton, Barnet, Powell and the Golden Gate Quartet, plus a lush little torch singer who answers to the name of Virginia Mayo.

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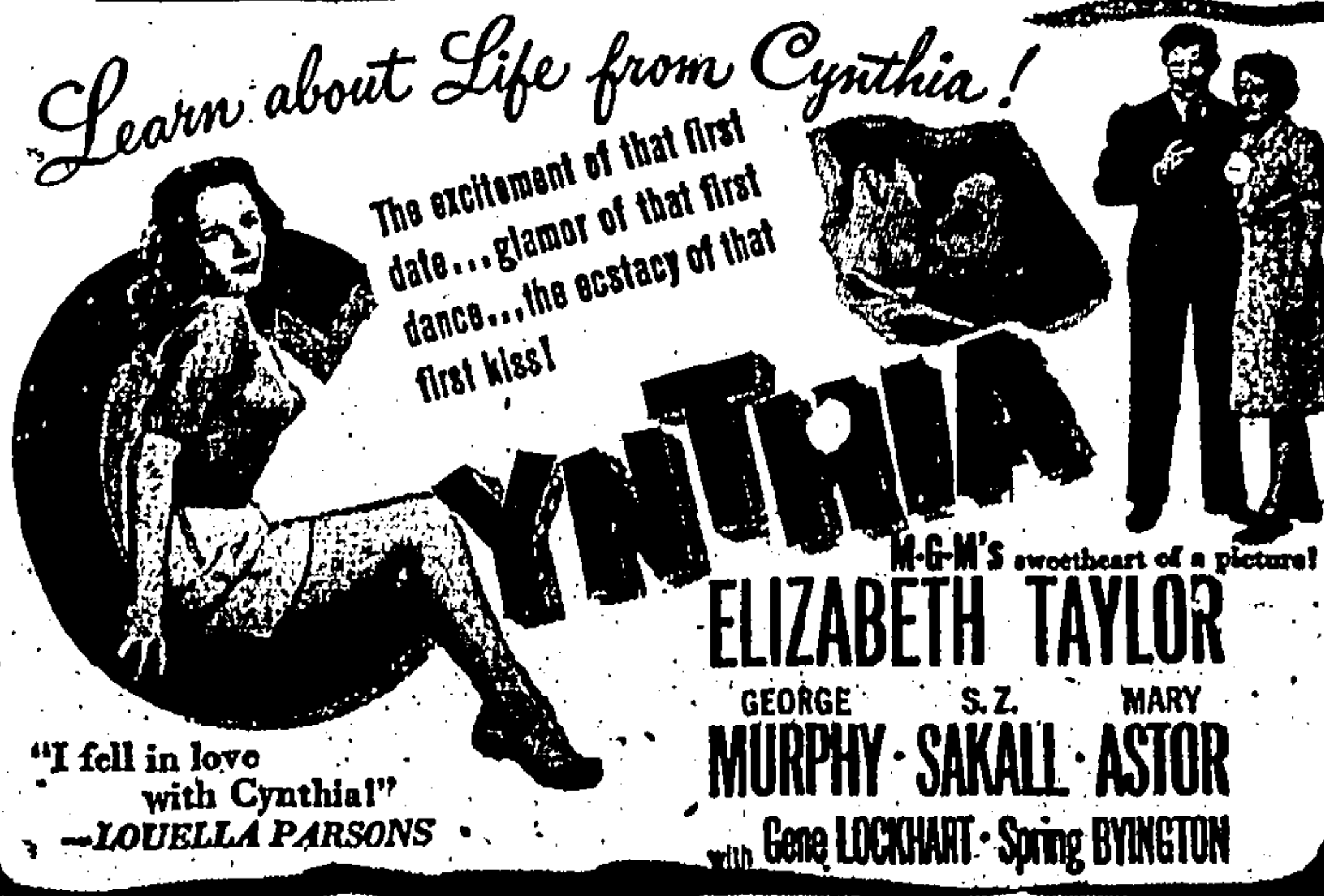
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ings. It is also a major vic-
tory over the disruptive pro-
cesses of international Com-
munist.

India previously intimated
her intention to remain neu-
tral in the warlike squabbles
between the nations, but at
the same time to adopt the
role of leader of Asiatic as-
pirations. It looked as if
the great sub-continent
would be inimical to the
West in times of crisis, and
further, might become en-
gulfed in the Red tide now
swirling about her borders.

The present announcement
in London does not neces-
sarily change all that, but it does
guarantee a continuity of as-
sociation and co-operation—
a worth-while diplomatic
triumph at such a time.

Judging by the official
statement, there does not
seem to have been the ex-
pected difficulty over India's
acceptance of the King "as
the head of the Common-
wealth." This might have
been a major obstacle. Aus-
tralia, New Zealand and
Canada especially would
have strongly opposed any
formula which "appeared
likely to weaken Dominion
links with the Crown, and
stalemate might have arisen.

India will no longer have
a Governor General, and it
is also expected that the
system of appeals to the
Privy Council in London will
cease, since the new consti-
tution provides for an Indian
supreme court. This has
been known for some time,
and does not affect the basic
issue.

It is undoubtedly true to
say that the agreement re-
flects the view that the Com-
monwealth cannot be regard-
ed as a super-state with the
King as titular head, but as
a voluntary association of
peoples "joined together by
mutual necessity and friend-
ship." India is no longer a
Dominion, and many con-
flicts may arise in the future.
For instance, such a move
as India's de facto recogni-
tion of the Chinese Commu-
nist authorities in Nanking
may lead to friction. Never-
theless, the British peoples
can take heart from the ob-
vious spirit of willing com-
promise which has marked
the meetings of the Prime
Ministers in London.

Chiang's Return

The emergence of Chiang
Kai-shek into politics again
may have considerable re-
sults. In an announcement
apparently made from
threatened Shanghai, he
claimed that the Commu-
nists, having crossed the
Yangtze, had reached the
peak of their military devel-
opment, and would now
have to face a "tangling mass
of military, political and
economic problems which
will eventually result in their
downfall." They had, he
claimed, blundered into the
same military errors that
marred the Japanese con-
quest of China.

The wily generalissimo

LET'S TALK SENSE ABOUT THE CRISIS IN FILMLAND

Women Wage War For Communism

By KEITH BUTLER

Special Correspondent in Greece

"Fifi! More to the right, Fifi!"
Through the rattle of rifle
and machine-gun fire, a girl's
voice rang out. From time to
time during the battle the same
clear voice cried orders to the
guerrilla units attacking the
Greek Army position. It was a
cool, unexcited, commanding
voice. At the sound of it the
Greek soldiers around me
cursed and returned the en-
emy's fire with even grimmer
determination.

To them the girl guerrillas fight-
ing side by side with the men in
the enemy's ranks were no joke.
They brought no lighter, feminine
touch to the grim struggle. Nor
were they funny. They made a
crisp, bitter, more effective
In the midst of the battle the
soldiers told me what they
knew of "Fifi" and the girl whose
voice still called out orders from
time to time.

The voice belonged to "Maria",
a guerrilla platoon commander.
"Fifi" was one of her section com-
manders; the rest were men, fight-
ing under Maria's orders.
Maria was known to be a girl
only 22 years of age, attractive in
a slim, dark, Mediterranean way.
She had been in the mountains
with the guerrillas since she was
16. The romance of the E.A.M.
Resistance movement during the
Axis occupation of Greece had
drawn her there in the first place.
Many young people who joined
E.A.M. in the tide of patriotism
and romance had failed to realise
that the lack of a "patriotic" Re-
sistance Movement was the Greek
Communist Party and the long
arm of Moscow.

And the Communist leaders
were more concerned with pre-
paring for the seizure of power in
Greece than in putting up more
than a nominal resistance to the
German and Italian occupation
forces. They took the opportunity
to inject big doses of Communist
propaganda and class hatred into
the young people in the ranks of
E.A.M.-ELAS.

Without any counter-active, it
was no wonder that some of the
youngsters were bitten by the bug
of Communist fanaticism. They
continued the guerrilla life and war
even after the Axis enemy had
departed and Greece had a Parlia-
ment and Government of her own
choice.

Fanatical Fury

Maria was one of these. Her
fanatical fury and experience in
guerrilla warfare in the tough
mountains had made her a natural
leader. She was one of the crack
platoon commanders of her bat-
talion.

Rather than fall into her hands
a Greek Army soldier would fight
to the death. Victorious Greek
Army troops had come across the
mutilated corpses of some of their
comrades who had been taken pris-
oner by Maria's guerrillas. They
had died the hardest death a
patriot can die—under fiendish
torture.

In all the sectors where the
Greek Army troops are facing
women guerrilla "kapetanissas"
you will hear the same tale of
fanatical fighting spirit and bar-
barous cruelty to prisoners.

In a later war of no quarter,
the guerrilla girls have added to its
barbarity and ferocity.

But the women who are in the
ranks of the Communist guerrilla
army in the Greek mountains are
not all there out of fanatical po-
litical conviction. The vast major-
ity have been abducted by force
during guerrilla raids on towns and
villages.

The guerrillas have made a de-
liberate policy for two years of
abducting girls and young women
in their raids. They are dragged
off into the mountains, where they
are forced to live, move and fight

with the hands. Some have escap-
ed, or have been liberated by the
Greek Army. They have brought
back harrowing tales of their
sufferings.

Fear Of Punishment

Fear of punishment and threat
of reprisals on their families in
guerrilla-raided areas have prevent-
ed most of them from escaping.
In the guerrilla ranks they are
used as pack animals to carry
stores and ammunition over the
broken, inaccessible mountains
while the guerrillas move where
even mules cannot go.

Slaving, cooking, carrying,
washing and mending the men's
clothes during the days, at night
they get no rest. The normal sys-
tem is for the guerrilla chief to
allot the girls to the men each
night as a rule, to be used for their
pleasures during the night until the
next day's working and fighting.

One of the few examples of
amateur dramatics among the
guerrillas is a "morality" play,
acted by veteran guerrillas and
guerrilla women before the newly
abducted girls and their captors.
Under the title "Down with Vir-
ginity", the play showed clearly to
the newly abducted what was ex-
pected of them.

Most of the guerrilla girls sooner
or later bear children. But this
is a luxury not to be permitted in
this kind of warfare. Perhaps
one of the most barbarous features
of the guerrilla movement is the
wholesale and deliberate strangling
or leaving to die of exposure of
the children born in the mountains
to the guerrilla women. Repeated
evidence and accounts of this have
come into the hands of the Greek
Army.

What happens when guerrilla
girls are captured by the Greek
Army? On capture they are
immediately taken to a prison
transit camp, where they are in-
terrogated and sorted out into
categories according to their
stories and attitude and the
evidence concerning them.

This may be gathered from cap-
tured documents and from other
prisoners' statements and the re-
ports of the Greek Army Intelli-
gence Corps.

Finally they are taken back to
prison camps where they await
trial before the Military Courts.
The cases are gone into thorough-
ly. Those responsible for atroc-
ities and fighting in the guerrilla
ranks by force may be sentenced
to death. Those forcibly abducted
by the guerrillas and forced to
serve them and fight beside them
against their will may be released
to return home without further
formality.

But the tragedy is not yet over.
These ex-guerrilla girls, abducted
forcibly, compelled to live, fight
and bear children with the guerrilla
men, are welcomed back into the
arms of their village or town.

But many told me of their sorrow
then.
Used as they have been by the
guerrillas, in the mountains, they
are no longer acceptable to the
Greek men of their villages and
towns as suitable brides. Greek
morals and conventions are strict;
the disgrace suffered by these
girls, even if unwillingly, debars
them from marriage.

Some of them wish they had
died, tied to a machine gun in a
guerrilla defensive position, as
many of their sisters have been
found.

Whitehall flashes an unex-
pected smile at the much-abused
City, and the shippers,
bankers, brokers, merchants,
and investors who people it.

Call to the City for still
more "invisible exports"—the
fees, commissions, insurances, and
freights that are earned abroad by
the men who are "something in
the City" who are "something in
the City".

The 1949 target set for the
"few" in the City by the new
Economic Survey is that they
must aim at bringing home to
Britain just under £53,000,000 a
month.

For The 'Many'
The 1949 target for the "many,"
the thousands of miners, textile
operatives, steel men, pottery
workers, and engineers who make
"visible exports," the goods Brit-
ain sells abroad, is £160,000,000
a month.

The every £3 earned by British
industry, by craftsmanship and
salesmanship, the Government calls
upon the City, where men
handle bills of lading, insurance
premiums, freights and broker-
ages, bits of paper, to earn nearly
£1.

It is a signal tribute to the
few thousand black-coat workers
and their bosses who daily stream
into the City of London and
specialised centres of Manchester,
Glasgow, Liverpool, and a dozen
other cities and towns.

In spite of difficulties, frustra-
tions, and some abuse, the men
who are "something in the City"
have re-established London as
the trading centre of the world.

The scene: Wardour-street. The
time: mid-crisis in the British
film industry. Thunder and
lightning. Enter an Independent
Producer, who makes films in a
studio; an Exhibitor, who shows
them in a cinema; and a Critic,
seeking enlightenment.

Critic: But whose fault is
it. How did it all begin? I
know it is now a fact that after
October 1, out of all films shown
in this country by our exhibi-
tors, a quota of 40 per cent
must by law be British.

I know it is also a fact that at
present 17 out of 26 British
studios are idle and 3,000 out of
10,000 (some) operatives have been
dismissed from their posts.
Therefore the studios cannot
produce enough British films to
enable the exhibitors to meet
their quota obligations. How has
this vexing state of affairs arisen?

Producer Blames
The Exhibitor
Producer: Entirely through the
fault of the exhibitor, who takes
the lion's share of every picture's
profits.

The British box-office takes
£100,000,000 a year. Of this, a
mere £10,000,000 finds its way
back to the pockets of the pro-
ducers.

A first-feature film, however,
costs a producer between £200,000
and £300,000 to make. A simple
division sum will show that, on
this basis, producers can make at
most 50 such pictures a year.

But the exhibitors, to fulfil
their legal commitment, under the
Quota Act, must show at least 30
such pictures.

Each year, therefore, we pro-
ducers produce 30 pictures too
few, because the money (with
which we might otherwise have
made them) is swallowed up by
the exhibitors.

Exhibitor: Certainly we swallow
the money, because if we didn't,
we should starve. The wages we
pay to our cinema employees
alone total £6,000,000. Rents are
high. Seat prices are controlled.

We couldn't spare the money
even if we wanted to; and, any-
way, we don't want to, because
we believe that British pro-
duction methods are wasteful,
inefficient and financially muddle-
headed.

I grant you, nevertheless, that
even the most stringent internal
studio economy would be insuffi-
cient to provide producers with all
the money needed to fulfil their
Quota obligations.

Critic: Hooray, hooray! We
appear to have narrowed the
problem. The producers need more
money to make enough films to
fulfil the demands of the Quota
Act. The exhibitors say they
cannot give them that money.

All right. Either the producers
must find their money elsewhere,
or we must modify the Quota Act.
Which is it to be?

Exhibitor: Pray Heaven, the
latter! I know that the Quota
Act was modified the other day,
when the percentage was reduced
from 45 per cent to 40 per cent
with effect from next October.
But that is not nearly enough.

The present generation of
British filmgoers has been con-
ditioned to like American films
better than British.

The cost of an American film
has been paid for at the American
box-office before it even reaches
this country.

Thus the Americans are able to
rent their films to our cinemas
at a lower price than that charged
by British producers.

I say: Let Parliament reduce
Glasgow, Liverpool, and a dozen
other cities and towns.

Part of the insurance for San
Francisco's great Golden Gate
bridge is carried in London: part
of the insurance of a huge aircraft
recently tested in the United
States was carried in London.

yet further the percentage of
British films which I must show
at my cinemas—if possible, to
25 per cent.

Producer: Tchah!
He Wants More
U.S. Pictures

Exhibitor: Let me show 75 per
cent American pictures. I shall
pay less for showing them, and I
shall profit more—because British
filmgoers like them better.

Under those conditions I might
even be able to give back some
of my profits to the British pro-
ducers.

Producer: What will be the
good of your profits to us if you
are going to show only so small
a percentage of our pictures?

You think only of good box-
office. We think sometimes of
good cinema.

Not that the one need "exclude"
the other. We believe that good
British films can make you money.
Indeed, many of them have.

But we also know that it takes
money to produce a good British
film. You refuse to provide
that money out of your present
profits. The City refuses to pro-
vide it, because the City has cold
feet.

Very well, let it come from
Parliament. There is talk of the
Government increasing the capital
of the Film Finance Corporation
(set up to subsidise independent
producers) from £5,000,000 to
£10,000,000. Fine. Let them go
ahead and double it. Let them
treble it.

Cripps takes £38,000,000 an-
nually in Entertainment Tax. Let
him remit some of that.

Exhibitor: Let him remit you
nothing of the kind. You'd spend
it all on inflated salaries for fifth-
rate stars. Why should the tax-
payer help you out of a mess
caused by your own spendthrift
mishandling?

If Cripps remits anything to
anyone, let him remit it to the
taxpaying British filmgoer. Let
him reduce Entertainment Tax
and allow us to charge less for
seats.

Cheaper seats, more patrons.
More patrons, more money—to be
divided between you producers
and us exhibitors.

With that money (plus any-
thing the Film Finance Corpora-
tion might allot you out of the
taxpayer's pocket) you would be
able to make more British pictures.

Provided they were good box-
office as well as good cinema. I
shouldn't mind if the percentage
of British films which we are
forced to show by law were as
high as 35 per cent.

Critic: De I detect the glimmer-
ings of a compromise?
Producer: 40 per cent or
nothing!

Enter an unemployed member
of the Association of Cine-
Technicians.
Technician (rearing): Sixty
per cent or ELSE!

Government Must
Find Money
Critic: Come, now. One thing
seems abundantly clear. If the
Government wish to stem the film
crisis, it is they who must provide
the money.

I presume that neither of you
would like to see the film in-
dustry nationalised. Please do
not strike me, I take that back.

By all means let the Treasury
earmark a proportion of the tax-
payer's money to subsidise British
producers through the medium of
the Film Finance Corporation.
That will please the producers.

But by the same token let the
Treasury also remit a proportion
of the money gained in Entertain-
ment Tax—to the taxpaying filmgoer.
That will please the exhibitors,
who may even be per-



Passport to Paradise.
Up in Shanghai folks at the
airport have been waving whole
bars of (censored) to get to Hong
Kong. What a tale!

Learners' licences have been
suspended. Wet the "L" for?

So St. George was "only a
dishonest bacon contractor" ac-
cording to Mr. Woodhead's quota-
tion from Emerson.

A rasher libel could hardly be
applied to our patron saint.

The Chinese gentleman who ar-
rived here with two hats on cer-
tainly created an impression. This
is the type who will probably have
to pay double key money.

The meek are going to inherit a
fine crop of limousines up in
Shanghai after the exodus.

Gentlemen who once went by
Arm in arm with Kempeitai.
And each Friday went to tea
with the Jap gendarmes....
Does your conscience never trou-
ble you when you read those things by
"W"?

Proverb of the week: "All that
glitters is not gold."

A Spiv is just the opposite to
VIPs.

"Correction.—In last week's
issue we stated that Charles
Pentiff is the son of Mr. and Mrs.
Henry Pentiff. In point of fact
he is the son of Mr. and Mrs.
Pentiff."

Try again next week.

Temporary Laps.
With not a seat vacant, the
great concourse stood to atten-
tion to sing the National Anthem.

No Myrtle, the Sorbonne is a
French university not a bunch of
disgruntled German legislators.

"Last ditch defence line along
the Pyrenees" says United Press.
Seems to be a most in some-
body's eye when he looked at the
mountains.

When I read of succulentest
Smokes
I have not the heart to make
more jokes.
Such things disturb by matutinal
calm.

You try 'em-buy 'em at the
Dairy Farm. (free advt.)

Post-war Paradoxes.
There is no security in the
Security Council. There is no
unity in the United Nations Or-
ganisation. The Iron Curtain
never goes up. The Cominform
is not informative.

sanded to share some of the res-
ultant profits with the producers—
thereby easing the burden on the
Film Finance Corporation and
(through the Corporation) on the
taxpayer.

Now kiss and be friends. The
sun rises over Film House. A dove
descends from the spire of St.
Anne's, Soho, with an olive-
branch in its beak. The Producer
and Exhibitor embrace, as
THE CURTAIN FALLS.

VACATION!

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INDIA TO REMAIN WITHIN COMMONWEALTH AS REPUBLIC

Full And Equal Partner; King As Symbolic Head HISTORIC DECISION

London, April 27.

India is to remain a full and equal member of the Commonwealth of Nations even though she becomes a republic within the next few months, it was officially announced today at the conclusion of the secret six-day conference of Dominion Prime Ministers.

The Government of India have agreed to accept the King as the symbolic head of this free association of independent members.

The eight Commonwealth leaders said in a communique that the talks had as their historical background the traditional capacity of the Commonwealth to strengthen its unity of purpose while adapting its organisation and procedures to changing circumstances.

In a joint declaration, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon declared that they remain united as free and equal members in the Commonwealth of Nations, freely co-operating in the pursuit of peace, liberty and progress.

The declaration, issued from No. 10 Downing Street after the Commonwealth leaders had officially advised the King of their agreement, said that India had informed the other Governments of her intention to become a sovereign independent Republic under her new constitution.

It added that the other seven countries, the basis of whose membership of the Commonwealth is not hereby changed, accepted and recognised India's continuing membership of the Commonwealth.

The joint declaration stated that the constitutional questions were the sole subjects discussed at the full meetings of the Ministers.

The agreement means that though the King will have a symbolic status recognised by India, he will have no constitutional functions so far as India is concerned. The future head of republican India herself will be an elected president, who will express the sovereign will of the people and exercise the functions hitherto performed by the King.

Free Association

The agreement is considered to reflect the view of Dominion quarters that the Commonwealth should not be regarded as a super-state with the King at its head.

The concept is a free association of nations bound together by mutual interest and friendship. While the document issued today uses a new phrase—"Head of the Commonwealth"—for the position of the King, this is understood to be considered only a phrase and not as constituting a new title. There is no question of changing the King's title in the adjustment of the situation.

Other important aspects of the declaration are:

- (1) India will continue to enjoy full Imperial Preference in trade matters.
- (2) The word "Dominion" which has not been used officially for some time, will now be finally abandoned.
- (3) Within the Commonwealth, Indian citizens will continue to have all the rights they now enjoy.
- (4) Legislation, it is suggested, will not be needed in any of the Commonwealth countries to give the declaration full effect.
- (5) When India becomes a republic the office of the Governor General, as the representative of the King, will disappear.
- (6) The future destination of India's diplomatic representatives in Commonwealth capitals—now called High Commissioners—has yet to be decided.

Not Military Bloc

The agreement is understood to have been reached with the approval of the Commonwealth Governments and the endorsement of the United Kingdom Cabinet this morning.

The British Government will seek early Parliamentary approval of the agreement.

A similar procedure is likely to be adopted in Commonwealth Parliaments.

The document may be presented to the Canadian Parliament immediately.

The statement, at their final plenary session this morning, expressed the satisfaction of their countries at the successful outcome of the conference.

The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, is understood to have made a speech which left a deep impression.

One of his main points is believed to have been that the Commonwealth should not be regarded as a military bloc, but should try to approach world problems in a constructive and progressive way.

King Advised

The Ministers, after their plenary session, drove to Buckingham Palace to advise the King of the agreement.

The leaders—each representing a sovereign, independent country—constitutionally could advise the King only individually, and not as a body. But this difficulty was surmounted by the leaders authorising Mr. Attlee to act as the spokesman, thus avoiding eight separate speeches.

All the Prime Ministers will have the opportunity of individual meetings with the King before they leave for home.

Mr. Joseph Chifley, Prime Minister of Australia, begins his return journey by air tomorrow morning.

The British Cabinet meets tomorrow and may decide to make an immediate announcement of the agreement to Parliament. A motion asking its approval may shortly be introduced by the Government and observers expect it to be passed by a united House without a division.—Reuter.

MAJOR ATTACK IN INDOCHINA

Bangkok, April 27.

Vietnam radio today reported that Vietnamese troops have begun large-scale attacks on Nam Dinh, 90 kilometres South East of Hanoi, in what the broadcast called the "third stage" of the war against the French in Indochina. Vietnam Radio said that artillery shelled Nam Dinh, third largest city in Indochina, for one hour on April 27 and street fighting continued until late afternoon next day. Vietnamese troops are reported to have occupied the main street.

The radio also claimed that Vietnamese forces captured Vuban prefecture, French stronghold 19 kilometres South West of Nam Dinh.—United Press.

EASTERN PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

London, April 27.

The Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Joseph Chifley, here for the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers, today called on Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, for what is understood to have been a discussion of Eastern problems.

No official comment was made but it is understood that the two men also discussed the future of communications through the Middle East—vital to Australia—British trade and defence.—Reuter.

TUC Asks For Control Of Prices

London, April 27.

The Trades Union Congress today told the Government that it needs a stricter official cost of living control if it is to maintain successfully its stand against wage rises in industry.

The General Council of the Movement, acting for 8,000,000 organised workers, decided to continue its support of the Government's anti-inflation policy, but it expressed concern at the failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' recent Budget to grant relief or to hold down food prices.

It declared its belief that there is room for real price reductions apart from tax reductions. It called on the Government to take all possible steps to prevent price increases and, where possible, to secure price reductions in order to assist the Trade Union Movement to continue the policy already laid down by the Congress in regard to wages, prices and profits.

The General Council instructed its own Economic Committee—sometimes called the "Crisis Com-

INDIA'S DECISION SIGNIFICANT FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

London, April 27.

India's decision to remain a full member of the Commonwealth, while adopting a Republican Constitution, has implications for the shaping of the post-war world which extend far beyond the Commonwealth itself, diplomatic observers here agree.

The historic decision, besides confirming India's position as a great independent power, makes it clear that, in the balance of world forces, she has freely decided to assume her full responsibilities by maintaining her world-wide links with the other members of the Commonwealth.

Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, it is understood, has emphasised that India, in making this decision, rejects the idea of aligning her country with any military or ideological bloc.

India, by calling a conference of South East Asian powers in New Delhi earlier this year to discuss the situation in Indonesia, had already shown herself conscious of her new political role in Asia.

Today's communique gives diplomatic observers the impression that India has succeeded in strengthening her capacity to contribute to a solution of unsettled problems in South East Asia.

This is seen as doubly important at a moment when the Communist offensive across the River Yangtze opens the prospect of an all-China Communist Government being established in the near future, with all its obvious repercussions on China's neighbours.

The cordial termination of the five-day conference between the Prime Ministers of Britain and her Dominions was greeted with deep satisfaction in Indian political circles in New Delhi.

Congress leaders particularly welcomed the agreement.

Big Advantages

Republican India's continued association with Britain and her partners will have

—mattered—to draft some specific proposals to bring down prices. When the General Council meets next month it will consider the findings of this Committee and may decide to seek an interview with the Chancellor of the Exchequer.—Reuter.

great political, economic and strategic advantages for the Commonwealth.

It means that the sub-continent will remain in the Western sphere of international co-operation at a time when the emergence of a Red China seems imminent.—Associated Press.

Meanwhile, four Commonwealth Prime Ministers met at No. 10 Downing Street today for informal talks on Burma with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

The countries represented by their Prime Ministers were India, the United Kingdom, Pakistan and New Zealand. Ceylon's Prime Minister was absent, but one of his advisers attended.

The Burmese Government, Thakin Nu, said in Calcutta recently that the Indian and Pakistani Premiers had agreed to bring up Burma's case informally at the present Commonwealth conference.

But today's meeting was understood to have been initiated by Mr. Attlee, who presided. Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Khan are understood to have presented Thakin Nu's statements to them before today's meeting, with their own views on the situation.

British Policy

According to a usually reliable source, Thakin Nu asked the Indian and Pakistani Prime Ministers to urge a firm British statement of its policy on Burma.

The Burmese Government, this source added, believes that such a statement would satisfy many political elements in Burma who consider the present British attitude obscure.

Informed quarters here discount all speculation on the hypothetical question of Burma rejoining the Commonwealth under the new association by which Republican India will maintain her ties.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Chinese Troops Cross Into Burma

Rangoon, April 28.

Deserters from the Chinese Nationalist forces are infiltrating in large numbers into Kengtung State on the Eastern border of Burma pro-Government sources said today.

They link the presence in Rangoon of a special emissary of the Kengtung ruler with the deteriorating situation on the China-Burma border, suggesting that he has come to seek aid from the Burma Government in sealing off the Eastern frontier.

Reports from Kengtung say fighting broke out on the China border between Chinese Nationalist troops and Communist guerrillas. After this, Nationalist deserters fled with their families into Burma.

Many of these deserters have been disarmed by the Burmese Army, but large numbers are still at large, taking refuge in the jungle-clad hills.

Communist guerrillas entering Kengtung on the heels of the deserters looted border villages North of the town of Kengtung. A Burma government spokesman said that renegades from the White Band People's Volunteer Organisation (PVO) have proclaimed a government near the Indian-Burma border.

He said such a Government has been set up at Mahmya in the Upper Ghindwin district where rebels are preparing an attack on the town of Kalewa, 75 miles from the Indian border.

WENT MAD BY RAIL TRAGEDY

Rome, April 27.

An Italian workman was detained in an asylum here today after an attack of madness caused by seeing an eight-year old child fall from the Milan-Rome Express.

Midway between the two cities, the train lurched, a door swung open and the boy fell out despite desperate attempts by others in the corridor to grab him.

The child was found on the tracks seriously injured and taken to hospital. When the train was about an hour from Rome, a man started to scream and shout about the child. At Rome, he was taken to an asylum still shouting: "Poor boy, poor boy."

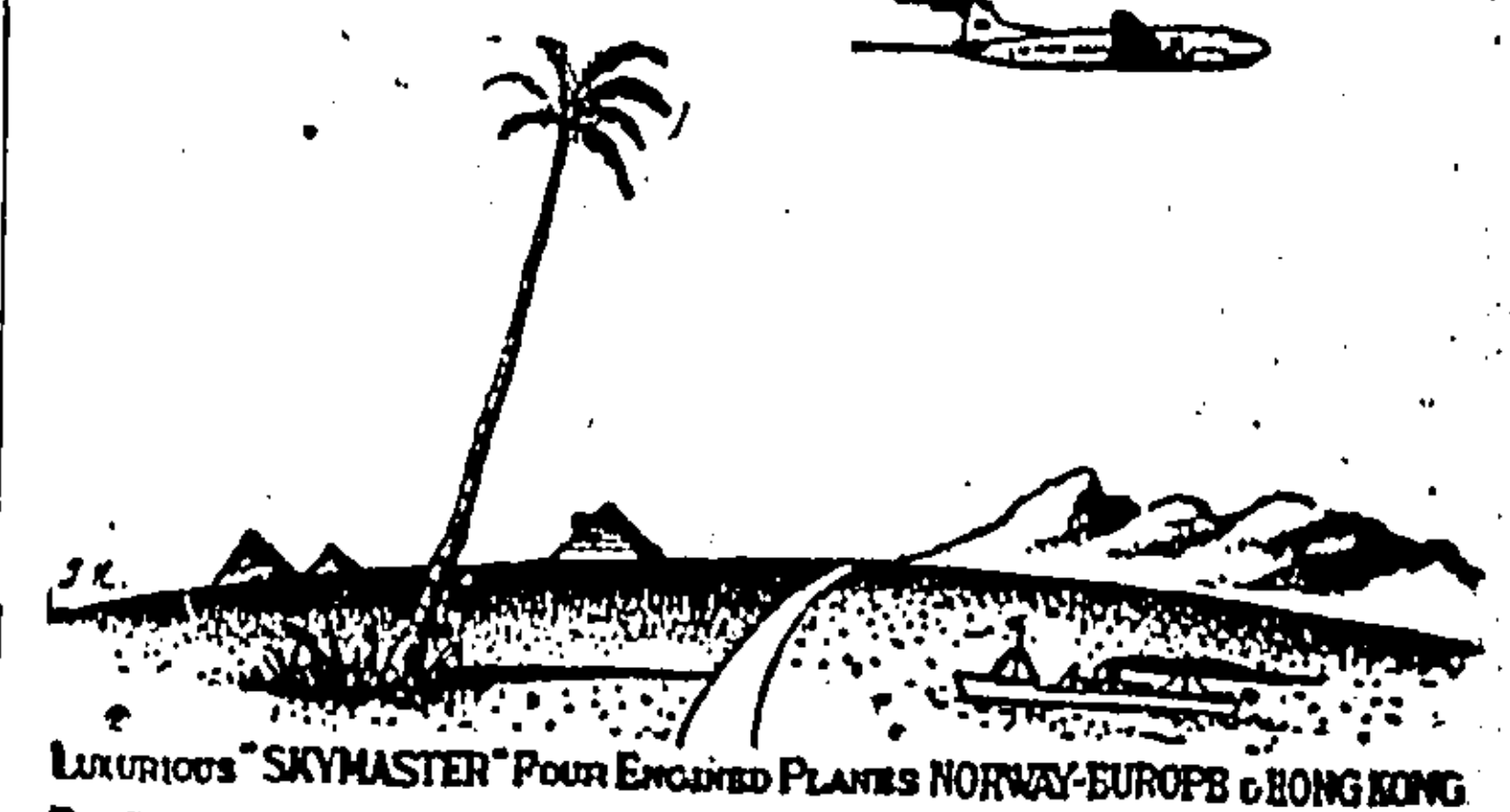
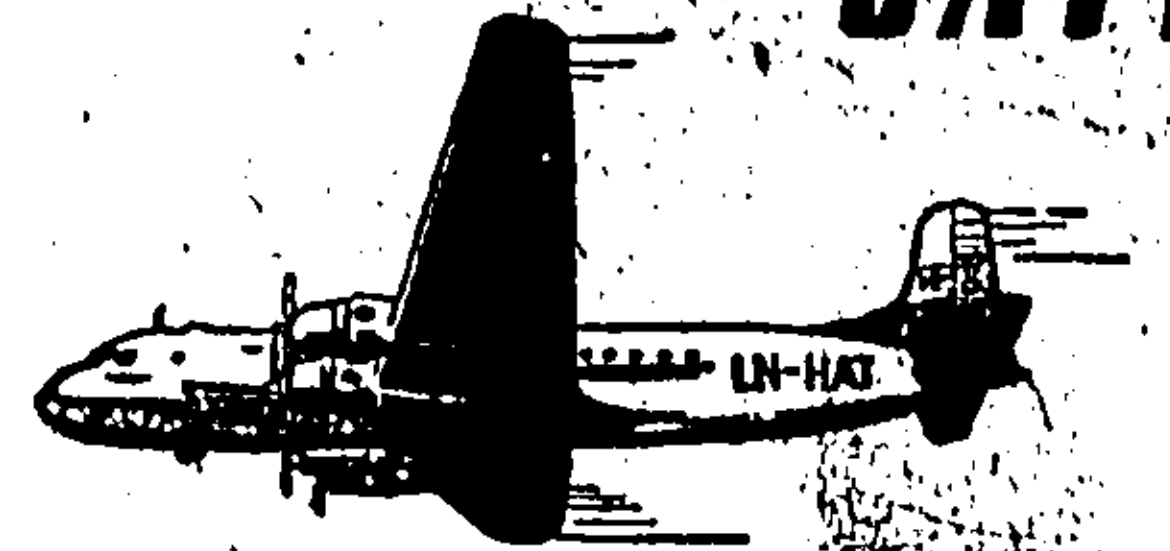
Doctors expect him to recover. —Reuter.

REPLACEMENTS FOR HONG KONG

Liverpool, April 27.

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- 3.05 p.m. "Talking At Britain" "Northamptonshire" by Patrick Imrey
- 3.30 p.m. "String Quartet" Allstar Band (Radio Green 9)
- 3.35 p.m. "Music Lovers' Home" Classics at Request Programme Presented by Young Chatter (Studio)
- 3.40 p.m. "The Detective in Fiction" Read by Clifford Davis (Studio)
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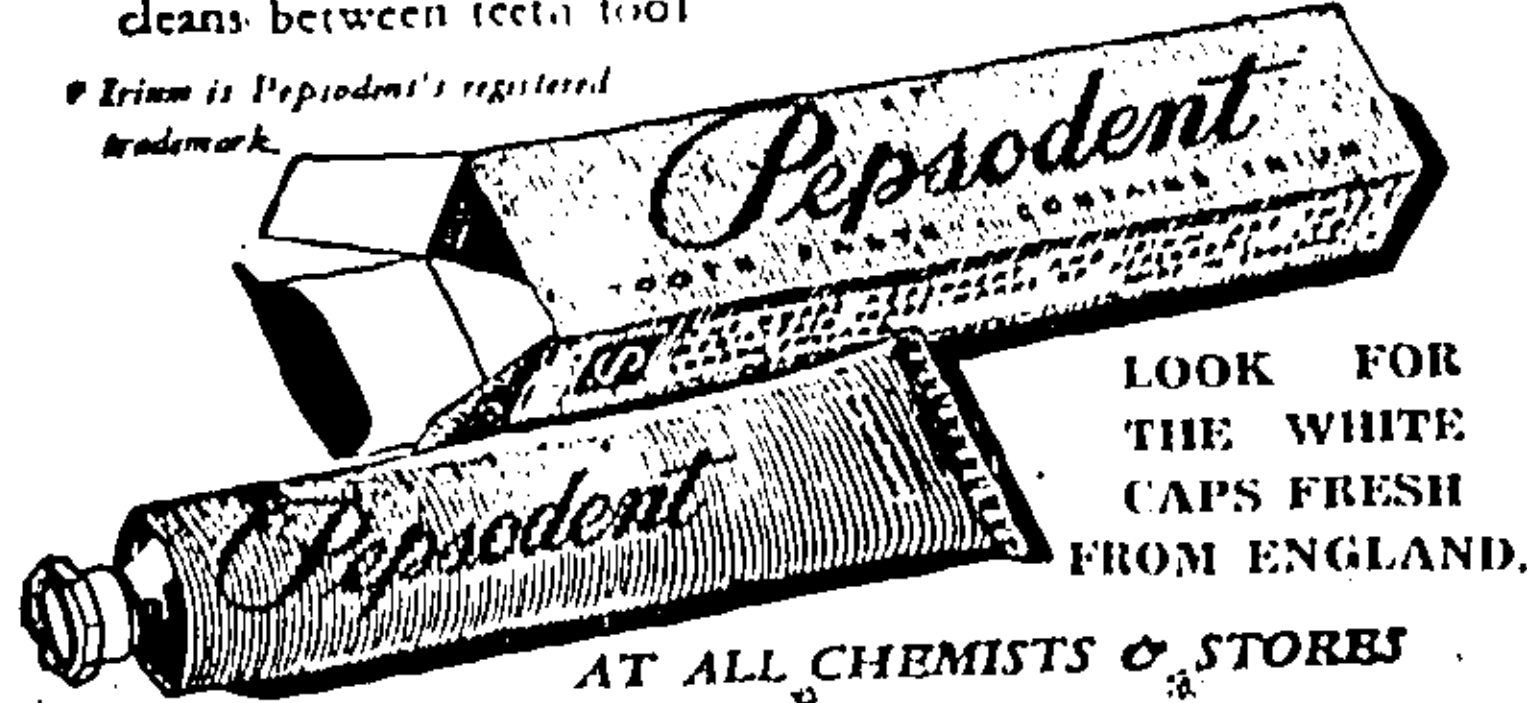
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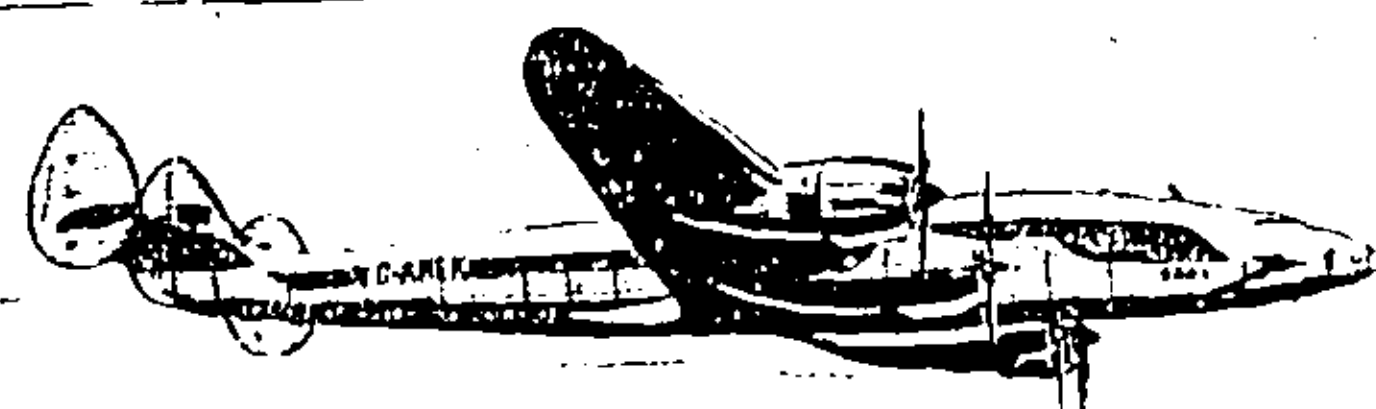
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Russian Sincerity Doubted In America

New York, April 27.

The press, while welcoming Soviet suggestions on the Berlin blockade, generally expresses doubt of the Kremlin's sincerity.

"The Times," suggesting that it may be a Russian attempt to frustrate the Western plans for West Germany, said: "Under the circumstances it is only elementary wisdom for the West to remain on guard."

It declares that the airlift organization must remain intact. It also stresses: "The Western powers must make it unequivocally plain that there will be no

retreat from their German programme, that they will proceed with the creation of a German government as the nucleus of an all-German government, which the Soviet-dominated zone can join if Russia will permit this, and that the time has long passed when the Germans can be used as an object of barter for East-West agreement."

BRITISH PROTEST SUCCEEDS

Berlin, April 28.

The Russians clumped controls on three canal locks in the British sector of Berlin yesterday, but retreated them after the British protest.

A spokesman for the British military government called the Soviet action "provocative" and said it was "all the more surprising at a time when informal discussions have been taking place regarding possible lifting of the blockade."

The British authorities said Russian officers took over control of the Spandau, Charlottenburg and Ploetzensee locks and told the lock keeper to bar passage of any craft not registered with the Soviet water control. The British protested and the ban was removed. Normal water traffic was resumed.

British and American planes meanwhile flew a near record tonnage into the city.—Associated Press.

U.S. ABOLISHES EXPORT CONTROL

Washington, April 27.

The United States today abolished export controls on more than 500 articles, the Department of Commerce announced.

This will permit the shipment of goods to Eastern European nations or any destination in the world without export licenses. The announcement eliminates a ban on shipments to Eastern European nations imposed more than a year ago for strategic reasons.—Reuter.

General Clay To Be Relieved

Washington, April 27.

A White House source said today that General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, is to be relieved of his post within 30 days.

General Clay, whose post as Military Governor will in any case cease to exist after the establishment of a West German federal government and the appointment of a civilian High Commissioner for Western Germany, has wished to resign for several months.

The White House sources said that Mr. Louis Johnson, Defence Secretary, is expected to name General Clay's successor this week.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND ABYSSINIA

London, April 27.

The British and Abyssinian Governments have decided to raise their Legations in Addis Ababa and London to the status of Embassies.

The new Ambassadors will be the present British Minister to Ethiopia, Mr. Daniel Lascelles, and the present Ethiopian Minister to Britain, Mr. Alo Abbebe Retta.

A decision to raise the Legation to the status of Embassies is a normal diplomatic practice indicating that close and friendly relations exist between the two countries concerned.—Reuter.

Princess Margaret's Visit To Italy

Naples, April 27.

Brilliant sunshine shone from a clear blue sky today when Princess Margaret arrived here by plane to begin a month's private visit to Italy.

Sir Victor Mallet, British Ambassador to Italy, was waiting at Capodichino Airfield when the twin-engined Viking part of the King's Flight—landed on time.

The 18-year-old Princess will spend one night here in an hotel suite overlooking the famous Bay of Naples and the slopes of Vesuvius. She leaves for Capri tomorrow by motor launch. Later she will visit Sorrento, Rome, Florence, Venice and Sirena.

At her own wish she will be treated as a private visitor. She will stay in hotels during her tour, except in Rome, where she will stay at the British Embassy.

The Princess' three-roomed hotel suite in Naples was decorated with choice pink roses specially chosen by the Italian President, Signor Luigi Einaudi, in a graceful compliment to her full name, Margaret Rose.

Rome newspapers warn the "scugnizzi" (waterfront boys) of Naples not to expect Princess Margaret to follow the Neapolitan tradition of throwing gold coins into the Bay for them to retrieve. The Princess is carrying only £50, the official British tourist allowance, the papers said, and will have no money to spare.

Most of the newspapers stress the point that Princess Margaret is coming to Italy because she wants to, not as a matter of high policy.

As the Princess, in a blue-grey dress and a white straw hat, stepped down from the plane, she was surrounded by about 50 photographers and hundreds of reporters. She stood smiling shyly as the flashlights popped. She was then presented with a bouquet of red roses and carnations from the Mayor of Naples and officers and men of the Naples naval base.

A crowd waiting at the hotel surged forward as the Princess went up the steps. The electricity cut had been restored earlier than usual today in honour of the Princess' arrival, and lights and elevators were working.

The Princess is to allow photographers to take pictures from the hotel.—Reuter.



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U.S. NOTE TO RUSSIA ON BERLIN BLOCKADE

London, April 27.

The United States asked Russia today for a formal statement on when and on what conditions they will lift the Berlin blockade.

Dr. Philip Jessup, United States Ambassador-at-Large, continued the exchange of views on the problem by delivering a note this afternoon to M. Jacob Malik, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, at the Soviet United Nations offices on Park Avenue.

The text of the note was not made public. But it is understood to seek specific clarification on two points—an exact understanding as to what will be involved in any agreement to lift the blockade; and a proposed time-table.

No views had previously been exchanged in writing since Dr. Jessup first brought up the question in an informal talk with M. Malik on February 13.

Dr. Jessup brought the note with him this morning after talks in Washington with President Truman and State Department officials.

Before going to see M. Malik, Dr. Jessup is understood to have called on the British and French representatives to show them the note.

M. Malik is expected to transmit the note to his immediate superior, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko, who will probably have to consult Moscow before replying.

"No statement, no statement," Dr. Jessup repeated, as he hurried past reporters. He said a statement about the meeting, which can bring a major break in the East-West cold war, will be made later at the United Nations headquarters at Lake Success.

Ready For Lifting

Meanwhile, all arrangements have been made to resume freight and passenger traffic by rail to Berlin once the blockade is lifted. Dr. Seitz, District Manager of the German Railroads in Hanover, announced today. Coal trains will be given priority, he added. The first bus to make an uninterrupted journey from Berlin has arrived at Hanover.

Passengers said that when they reached the border control point at Marienborn they were very politely received by the Russian officials and were able to resume their journey into the British zone 30 minutes later.

Hitherto bus passengers from Berlin have had to walk a long way over the border to a waiting bus on the British side. The return journey of the bus, carrying passengers, to Berlin also went through without a hitch.

Communist Comment

German sources in Berlin said today that high Soviet officials are confident that both Eastern and Western traffic restrictions in Germany will be lifted in the very near future. Politicians claiming to be in close touch with the Soviet Military Administration said that

BRITISH PLAQUE "OFFENSIVE"

Calcutta, April 28.

The Indian Government has ordered the removal of three plaques on the Victoria Memorial at Plassey, Western Bengal, because they are considered offensive to Indian Sentiment. The plaques are to be deposited at the Victoria Memorial here.

The Plassey memorial commemorates the famous British victory won by Robert Clive over the Nawab of Bengal in 1757.—Reuter.

Foreign Ministers May Meet

London, April 27.

British official quarters said today that the Big Four Foreign Ministers might meet before July 1 to discuss Germany if Russia does not hedge her offer to lift the Berlin blockade with unacceptable conditions. They also point out that July 1 is the tentative target date for establishment of a West German Government. They see no objection to calling a Council meeting before then.

A British official said: "The agreement on Germany concluded in Washington this month, and agreement between the German political parties at Bonn, do not in any sense preclude the holding of the Council of Foreign Ministers with the objective of achieving a government of Germany agreed upon by the four occupying powers and agreed to by the German people."

"We are aware that a German government for the entire German people, it is a wish which the United Press shares."

Ruhr Pact Signing

London, April 27.

Representatives of the six Western Powers will meet in London tomorrow to sign an agreement to establish an international authority for the Ruhr, key industrial area of Western Germany.

The signatory Power will be the United States, Britain, France and the three Benelux countries.

The draft agreement was approved by the British, United States and French Foreign Ministers in Washington earlier this month.

It is based on detailed decisions concluded by the six Powers during their conference on Germany in London last summer.

Immediately the agreement comes into force, the British Government is to convene a first meeting of the Ruhr Authority to draw up rules of procedure, choose an executive secretary and organise a secretariat.

The headquarters of the Authority are to be in Germany, possibly at Dusseldorf.—Reuter.

CHEERFUL MOOD IN MOSCOW

Moscow, April 28.

A feeling that Soviet Russia and the three Western powers may be on their way toward a new stage in post-war mutual relations prevails in Moscow.

No one is going so far as to predict settlements, beyond lifting of the Berlin blockade. But informed diplomats agree that this could be the stepping stone to great events.

Handled correctly and with infinite care by all sides, some sources say, this new state of affairs could lead to an ending of the cold war.

(This despatch passed through the Moscow censorship. The copy received in the U.S. does not show what, if any, excisions were made by the censor.)

The scepticism that has usually accompanied new moves in the cold war is lacking in Western quarters. "Something is cooking," said an American source. "At this point, it does not smell bad." All Western quarters stress that the situation is delicate and agree that new steps should be slow and cautious—backed by a great deal of thought.—Associated Press.

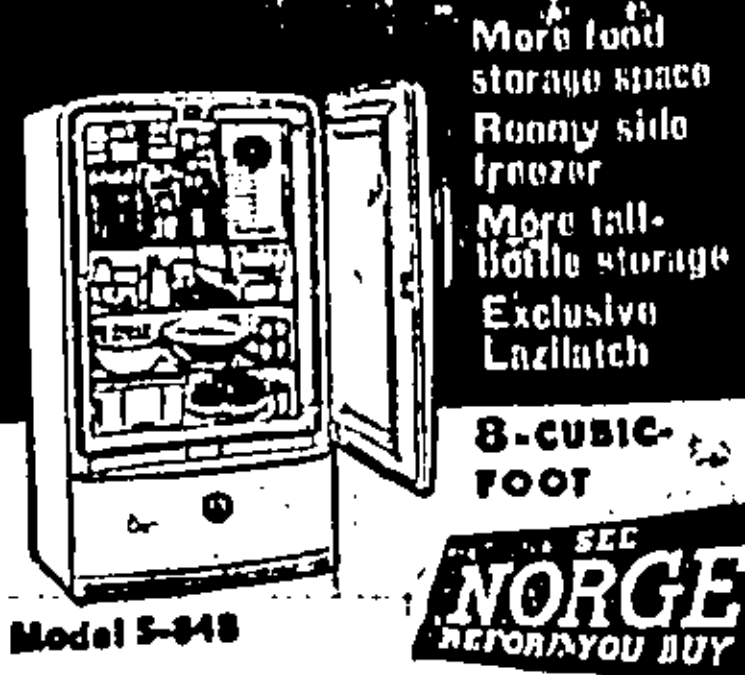
HELICOPTER WAS TOO EARLY

Paris, April 27.

A British-built helicopter, making the first passenger-carrying flight today from London to Paris, arrived 30 minutes too early and had to take off again until the reception committee was ready. The plane flew from Olympia, West London, to Les Invalides, in the centre of Paris, in two hours, 20 minutes. This included a 15-minute stop-over at Le Touquet for refuelling.—Reuter.

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China Food Position May Affect Policy

Washington, April 27. The Chinese food situation is being studied by international experts here as a factor likely to have an important bearing on the Communists' policies if they dominate Shanghai.

This is due to the fact that China's seaboard cities are largely dependent upon imported rice and wheat for sustenance and to the belief that internal communications within China are facing possible disruption.

Experts say the food supply outlook in China is "anybody's guess" but will naturally be an important question for a long period because under even normal politico-economic conditions the tremendous population bears heavily upon all means of subsistence.

According to the official report for 1948, China's total population was 493,000,000, an unofficially estimated increase of 10,000,000 during the last decade.

Adequate rice supply for China has been an international problem since the war and recently has been aggravated both by the internal situation and the fact that rice deliveries to ports in Burma for assignment to China have been slowed.

China last autumn harvested a good crop of rice and at the end of 1948, under the international allocation plan, was entitled to 232,000 metric tons of rice from South Eastern Asia.

According to latest reports here, only 57,000 tons were actually lifted during the first four months of 1949 while 26,000 tons were arranged for shipping.

Calcutta Communists Fired On

Calcutta, April 27. Seven people were killed by gunshot and bomb splinters when the police fired on a banned Communist procession today in Calcutta's Bow Bazar area.

Nine people were injured and the casualties included five policemen. Twenty-seven arrests were made. The police opened fire after making lathi (stave) charges and using tear-gas on the demonstrators.

Crude hand-grenades were thrown at the police when they intercepted the procession, which came out in defiance of a police ban. Later, the demonstrators tried to hold up traffic.

Tram cars were set on fire and huge damaged by stones. The procession was the offshoot of a meeting organised by the local women's Communist organisation to express sympathy with the Communist prisoners now on a hunger strike in West Bengal jails. —Reuter.

Unpredictable

This would leave 149,000 tons to be lifted in the next two months, mostly from Burma. What will happen to this commerce is unpredictable during the present confused situation in Shanghai.

A report on the Chinese food situation at FAO Headquarters says: "In China, the most serious feature is that all attempts to control runaway inflation have proved abortive. When ceiling prices on all commodities were imposed last August in Shanghai, supplies almost disappeared with meat, fish and eggs procurable only at enormous prices. The authorities were compelled to lift ceiling prices last November, but only after the prices of food and consumable goods had increased from four to 14 times since August."

"Rice prices increased by 600 per cent, causing great hardship, and vegetable and farm products had a 300 per cent rise. A three-month embargo on edible oils and oil seeds was also imposed in an attempt to improve food supplies and lower prices."

"Despite ECA aid, China found it impossible to purchase the whole of its rice allocation last year."

Lower Consumption

An FAO general survey of the Chinese food situation says total cereal crops in 1947-48 reached approximately pre-war level because smaller production of rice and kaoliang was compensated by increased production of wheat and maize. China's food imports consisted almost entirely of cereals, being 563,000 metric tons in 1947-48 compared with 900,000 tons before the war.

FAO's most recent China survey said: "Food consumption levels vary greatly from province to province and from year to year and the national average means little. Compared with pre-war consumption, cereals have fallen and the decline has been only partially offset by increased consumption of sweet potatoes and other starch foods. Overall, calorie consumption appears to be about five per cent below the pre-war figure." —United Press.

CLAIM AGAINST BRITAIN

Bavaria, April 27. Guatemala has submitted a statement of her claim to British Honduras to Senator Ernesto Diliago, Cuban President of the Inter-American Commission on Independent Territories.

The statement maintains that Britain has lost all right to the territory through her failure to build a road that she had contracted to do in 1950. A report on the statement will be presented to a plenary session of the Commission, expected to be held next month. —Reuter.

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COMMUNIST RANTING ON YANGTSE AFFAIR

Shanghai, April 28. The Communist Peiping radio last night said that the four British warships shelled last week in the Yangtse were trying to interfere in the civil war.

The radio broadcast an article written by Ho Sze-ching, Professor and jurist. He said the British Naval spokesman had not explained what the British ships were doing in the Yangtse on the day the Nationalist Government had to accept or reject the Red peace terms.

"The action of the British Navy," Ho said, "clearly shows that the British will be to halt the People's Liberation Army and intervene in China's civil war."

The fact that the British received the permission of the Nationalist Government to sail HMS Amethyst up-river is interpreted by Ho to mean the British wanted to halt the Red's crossing of the Yangtse.

Ho said the British Foreign Office "admission" that Nationalist Government approval was received for the sailing "shows that the British Navy was well aware that the People's Liberation Army was at that moment preparing to cross the Yangtse River and is a proof of the British scheme to make the People's Liberation Army halt its crossing before the British naval vessels."

The Communist professor made light of the statement in the "Daily Graphic" which declared: "The guns of British ships have delivered a warning in Asia and the British Lion, when roused, will show his teeth and, if needed, use them."

Ho said: "The British Lion is a fake lion which is certainly not fiercer than a paper tiger." He said the Reds are not afraid even of real lions.

Ho admonished the British: "Those who play with fire are in danger of being consumed in the flames."

"Imperialists"

Another Communist leader was quoted by the Red radio as saying: "The Communists will resist and vanquish the imperialists if they are so rabid as to participate in the civil war of China."

MAKING THIRD WAR CERTAIN?

Austin, Texas, April 27. William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Russia, told the Texas legislature today that by allowing Russia to conquer China "we are making certain the coming of a third world war."

"Today, using the Chinese accomplices as instruments, Stalin is conquering China," Mr. Bullitt said.

He added that the confidence of Americans in the atomic bomb is beginning to resemble the confidence of the French in the Maginot Line. —Associated Press.

clap in the civil war of China." Pen-Tse-min, Chairman of the Central Control Committee of the China Peasants' and Workers' Democratic Party, made the declaration in an April 25 broadcast to overseas Chinese.

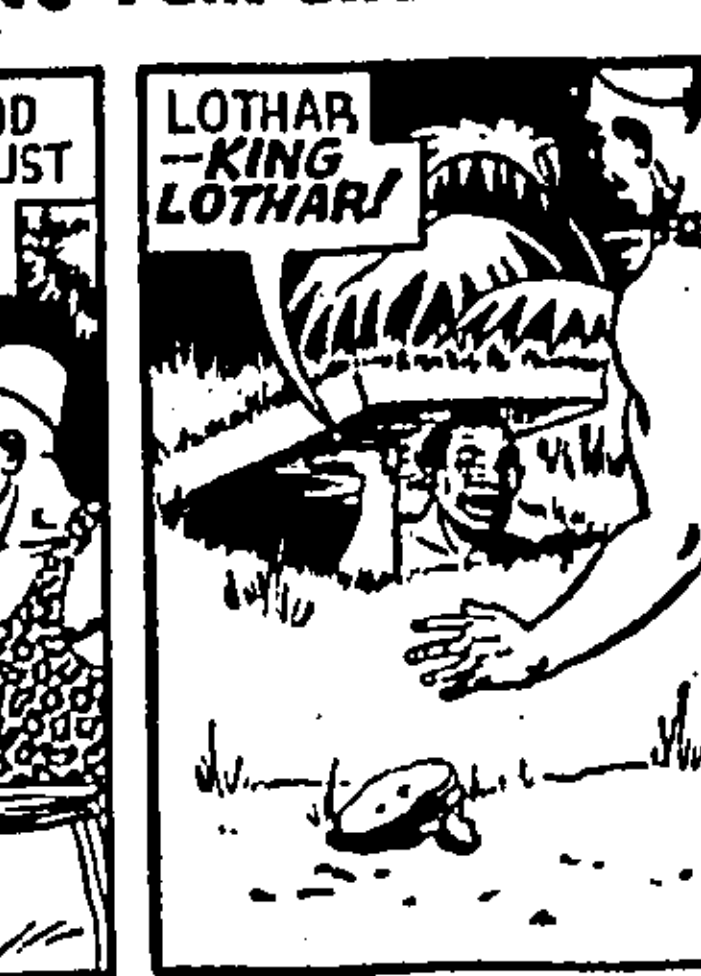
Feng attacked the "traitorous treaties" which Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang had signed with imperialistic powers, especially the United States, and said the treaties were signed "at the expense of national rights in exchange for foreign aid to wage the civil war." —Associated Press.

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A joint statement was issued by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, and the Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, after a 45-minute discussion between them at the Ministry of Food tonight.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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London, April 28.

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For Hong Kong, Kowloon and Mainland remain unchanged.

The double rates apply to war damage losses and insurance against strikes, riots and civil commotion—Associated Press.

Money Market

US dollars steadied yesterday at HK\$ after opening at a cent higher.

Pistons opened at HK\$10.80 a 100 and closed at \$10.70.

Ticals went up 20 cents to HK\$24.10 a 100.

NEI Guilders were stationary at HK\$92.80 a 100.

Sterling was higher at HK\$16.05, while Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$13.20.

LONDON STOCKS

London, April 28.

European bond prices rallied on the London stock exchange yesterday in response to hopes for early lifting of the Berlin blockade. German issues were specially in demand with potash issues up to £61 for the seven per cent bonds and £65 for the 6½ per cent bonds.

Polish, Rumanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian loans advanced five to 10 shillings. Other sections of the market were quietly firm, but gilt-edged issues showed declines 1/16. Chinese bonds were steady.

Financial Times Index: 115.0. —Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, April 28.

Grains ended mixed in active trading. Wheat finished ½ lower to ½ higher. May \$2.25-\$2.24; July \$1.96-\$1.95; September \$1.80.

Corn was ¼ lower to ½ higher. Oats ¼ higher. Rye was ½-1 cent higher. Soybeans were 1/4-1/2 higher. —Associated Press.

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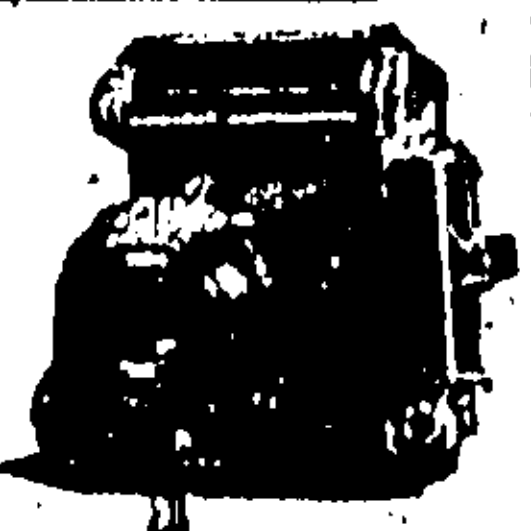
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This Year's County Cricket Prospects

London, April 27. County Clubs in the South of England are again expected to offer a serious challenge for Championship honours this season. Glamorgan are certain to make a determined effort to retain the title, but Surrey and Middlesex, who were second and third respectively last season, each possess a workmanlike team capable of carrying off the prize.

Among the Southern counties Middlesex, led by George Mann, hold the best chance, especially if the summer is dry, for then their ability of fast bowling to give the maximum time to their bowlers to dismiss the opposition twice, will be given full scope.

With only four Tests, three days each, it will mean less lengthy absences of their stars, Denis Compton and Bill Edrich and other Test possibilities, in Mann, Robertson and Young. Middlesex's only crying need is for bowlers of pace, as Gray is approaching the veteran stage as a fast bowler and Edrich has not been quite the same attacking bowler since his injury two seasons ago.

A Team Of Strength
Surrey possess a team of considerable strength, with fast scoring batsmen like Flashlock, Squires, Parker and McIntyre, the wicketkeeper, and a formidable array of talent in attack. Alec Hedder and Surridge, provide the speed, will be supported by the Australian, Johnnie Walker, Parker and Watts, and the three off-spinners, Laker, Squires and Eric Hedder.

Much, however, will depend upon the leadership of their new captain, M. Barton.

Kent's chances will be very much governed by whether their England leg-spinner, Douglas Wright, can re-capture his best

form and whether their new leader, David Clarke, can overcome his inexperience. Clarke has been promoted from club cricket to replace Brian Valentine, who has retired. Kent can be expected to improve on last season's effort when they finished third from the bottom.

Two Rising Counties
The two rising counties in the South are Essex and Hampshire. Essex will feel the loss of their 23-year-old fast bowler, Ken Preston, who broke a leg on the soccer field, and they will be further handicapped by the fact that Peter Smith, leg bowler, who topped the Essex bowling figures in 1938, may not be able to play through the season following an operation.

For speed bowling the County will rely on Trevor Bailey, the Cambridge double blue. He will be backed up by Price, Vigor and first captaincy Essex 16 years ago, will again have Avery, Dodds and Horstall to provide the backbone of the batting.

Hampshire perform best in a wet season, for Bailey, Knott and Hill are able to exploit a wet pitch for the full.

Promising Newcomers
With three promising newcomers and all the regular men available the side can do even better than last time when their keenness carried them into the ninth position.

Finally, there is Sussex, who have secured the County for new faces. Several newcomers have been signed on, but unless they can make their presence felt, then Sussex cannot hope to do much this season, particularly as Harry Parks, one of their best batsmen, has retired and the fast bowler, Carey, has left them.—Reuter.

HK Interport Team For Macao Game

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Interport team against Macao in the Interport Match to be played on Saturday, May 7, at Boundary Street ground, kick off at 5 p.m.

Hong Kong XI: Yue Yiu-tak (SCAA), Hau Yung-sang (SCAA), Tozer (Navy), Chang Kam-hoi (SCAA), Yau Wah-hing (KIT Chee), Craighero (Army), Tan Yee-kit (KMB), Muller (CMB), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), Klerman (Club) and Wong King-chung (KIT Chee).

Reserves: Cheung Koon-hing (KIT Chee), Roeha (SIFC), Cheung Shu-lin (SCAA), Rowlands (Navy), Tan Kam-hung (SCAA), Castilho (SIFC), Lee Tai-fai (KMB), Kwok Ying-kee (KIT Chee), Howlett (Police), Yeh Cheuk-yin (KIT Chee) and Omai (SIFC).

Team Manager: Mr. A. McAlpine.

Players and reserves are requested to report to the Team Manager in the Dressing Room at 4.15 p.m.

Jerseys etc. will be supplied by the Association.

The Rest XI
The following have been selected to represent the Rest against the Champions (South China "A") on Sunday, May 8, at Caroline Hill ground, kick off at 5 p.m.

Rest XI: Anderson (Army), Roeha (SIFC), Tozer (Navy), Weller (Club), Craighero (Army), Santos (SIFC), West (Army), Chow Man-chi (KMB), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), Klerman (Club) and Omai (SIFC).

Reserves: Cheung Koon-hing (KIT Chee), Fok Yiu-wah (KIT Chee), Ho Shing (Police), Castilho (SIFC), Yau Wah-hing (KIT Chee), F.O. Wilson (RAF), Ko Po-keung (SCAA), Au Chi-yin (SCAA), Kwok Ying-kee (KIT Chee), Yiu Cheuk-yin (KIT Chee), and Leung Wing-kwong (East-ern).

Team Manager: Mr. C. J. Huzar.

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The Marine Department Football Team which defeated the 25th Field Regiment RA in a friendly soccer game played at the Gun Club Hill yesterday. "China Mail" Photo.

New Set Of Boxing Officials May Be Chosen

London, April 27. The newly-founded British Boxing Promoters' Association, together with the Managers' Guild and the Referees' Organisation, have taken steps to see that a new set of officials will be elected if the present British Boxing Board of Control Stewards carry out their threat to resign.

The emergency joint meeting, which was attended by 62 managers who have control over 500 boxers, 38 promoters and 50 referees, was called to discuss the Stewards' resignation threat if the poll now being held of all members goes against them.

The Stewards are seeking to reverse the recent general meeting decision which barred all non-financially interested persons from Area Councils.

It was decided at the joint meeting "that all Area Councils shall be controlled by persons licensed by the British Boxing Board of Control with the power to nominate two non-financially interested persons to the Councils, subject to these persons having at some time held a licence."

Surprise was expressed that after 20 years' efforts were being made to appoint only non-financially interested persons to Area Councils and the meeting decided that, in the event of the Stewards carrying out their intentions of resigning—although they had no desire for this to happen—the financially interested Councils would nominate two non-financially interested persons to take the place of the Stewards pending a special general meeting.

The new "Stewards" would have no financial interest in boxing, but they would be assisted in their work by technical advisers without voting powers, who will be elected by promoters, managers, referees, boxers, etc.

Although boxers were not represented at the meeting, it is expected that their representatives will join the "shadow Board" in the near future. The present Stewards need a two-thirds majority from the 6,000 licensed members if their proposal to elect only non-financially interested members to Area Councils is successful.—Reuter.

INTER-SERVICE BOXING FINALS
The finals of the Inter-Service Open Boxing Championships will take place at the China Fleet Club on Tuesday, May 10, starting at 8 p.m.

Prices of admission are as follows:
Services: \$1.20 and \$2.40.
Public: \$2.40 and \$4.80.
Personnel wishing to obtain tickets should apply to the Senior Staff Officer.

IRC TEAMS
An intra-club Lawns Bowls game will be played at Sookun-20 on Saturday, April 30, at 2.30 p.m. The following players are kindly requested to turn up.

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Reserves:—M. Castilho and R. J. Manalac.

FILIPINO CLUB BOWLS TEAM
The following will represent the Filipino Club in a friendly lawns bowls match against the Club de Regatas tomorrow at King's Park at 3.30 p.m.

C. F. Lee, F. K. Delgado, D. A. Romano, Dr. V. N. Alenza (Skip), Bill Chang, F. Rodriguez, H. Y. Hay, R. O. Hughes (Skip), J. B. Castro, L. Castilho, C. M. Franco, W. C. Ogley (Skip), A. Y. Leo, F. Delgado, T. K. Lim, J. Leo.

Reserves:—M. Castilho and R. J. Manalac.

Norman Yardley declared the innings closed at 208 for 8 wickets.

When stumps were drawn for the day Glamorgan had made 71 for 3 in reply.—Reuter.

Marine Dept. Defeat 25th Gunners

In a friendly soccer game at Gun Club Hill yesterday, the Marine Department XI beat 25th Field Regiment RA by three goals to two, thus avenging their previous 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Gunners.

The Gunners dominated the play in the first half and fully deserved their two clear-goal lead at the interval. The Marine Department tried hard to score, but all efforts to break through the Gunners' defences were frustrated.

In the second half, Marine Department threw all their resources into the game and subjected the Gunners' defence to a gruelling time.

Excellent runs high after Marine Department had drawn level. A ding-dong struggle ensued, with both sides striving hard to take the lead.

Luck was with the Marine Department and shortly before the final whistle a penalty was awarded in their favour for a foul by one of the Gunners' defenders. The spot kick was easily converted and the final whistle came with Marine Department winners by the narrow margin of three goals to two.

MARINE DEPARTMENT:
Tam Chi-keung, Cheung Hon-chai, Leung Pak-wing, Chan Kam-pul, Hong Hing-yuk, To Chiu-chiu, Chan Hing-chuen, Kwok Cheuk-cheung, Li Chun-fai, Wu Chiu-chung and Li Tai-fai.

25th RA:
Anderson, Hughes, Hartman, Craighead, Cahill, Bennett, Brown, Plimmer, Stepto, Mardden and Tinnie.

SCOTLAND XI Defeat French Team
Glasgow, April 27. Scotland retained their undefeated home record against Continental teams when they beat France by two goals to nil in their international soccer match at Hampden Park, Glasgow, tonight before a crowd of over 120,000.

The two goals, one in each half, came from Billy Steel, the Derby County inside forward, and the huge crowd went home pleased with a fast and interesting game.

The French team could not be taught any of the finer points of the game, and their defence was tough and sound. The game was largely a tale of two goalkeepers—Vignol, who by great ability prevented a disaster for France in the first half, and Cowan, who after the interval saved Scotland repeatedly when he picked up close range shots out of the air with great confidence.—Reuter.

SOCCEER RESULTS
London, April 27. The results of soccer games played today were:

FIRST DIVISION:
Derby County 2 Aston Villa 2
Everton 2 Manchester U. 3
Manchester C. 0 Arsenal 3
Middlesbrough 1 Stoke City 1

SECOND DIVISION:
Bury 1 Plymouth 1
THIRD DIVISION, SOUTHERN:
Bristol City 0 Swansea T. 0
Reading 2 Southend 1

THIRD DIVISION NORTHERN:
Accrington 0 Rochdale 0
Crows 2 Bradford City 1
New Brighton 3 Barrow 1

—Reuter.

SAINTS' 1st XI
The following will represent the St. Joseph's 1st eleven against Navy on Saturday, kick-off 6 p.m.

A. W. Leck, R. B. Rocha, A. A. Ramjahn, G. Fernandez, J. Leonard, A. Santos, M. Xavier, D. Gomes, G. Periera, J. Castilho, B. Omar.

Reserves: J. Macdougall, C. Santos, M. Joanhilo.

CLUB 2nd XI
The following will represent the Club in a 2nd Division game against Talook on Sunday at the Club Ground:

Brown, Taylor, Sloan, McKee, Lock, O'Sullivan, Barclay, Baker, Ken Baker, Hooper, Barclay.

Kick-off 5 p.m.

KBGC TEAM
Representatives of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a match against the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club at Austin Road on May 1, beginning 4 p.m.

T. P. Styles, I. Urquhart, K. C. Hamilton, A. Botton (skip), A. F. Weir, D. F. S. Baker, A. Bailey, and T. J. Tansley (skip).

Giants Outslug Bums To Take Over Lead

New York, April 28. The New York Giants outslugged Brooklyn 11-8 in a wild see-saw game to re-take first place in the National League from the Dodgers. Rookie Pete Milne turned the tide for the Giants when he hit an inside the park homer with the bases loaded in the seventh inning.

The Chicago Cubs knocked Johnny Vander Meer from the box with a six-run fourth inning to beat Cincinnati 8-3. Emil Kish shut out the Reds in the last five innings to get credit for the win.

In the American League, the champion Cleveland Indians slugged out an 11-3 win over the Boston Red Sox to a 10-6 victory over Philadelphia. He whited two homers and drove in five runs.

Eight-hander Karl Drews bested Red Newhouse in a 12 inning pitching duel as the St. Louis Browns beat the Detroit Tigers 4-3.

The victory snapped a seven game losing streak for St. Louis.

SCORES:
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 11 8 13 0
New York 8 11 13 0
Winning pitcher Andy Hansen, loser Pat Oeghlin.
Cincinnati 8 12 1 0
Chicago 3 10 1 0
Winning pitcher Emil Kish, loser Johnny Vander Meer.

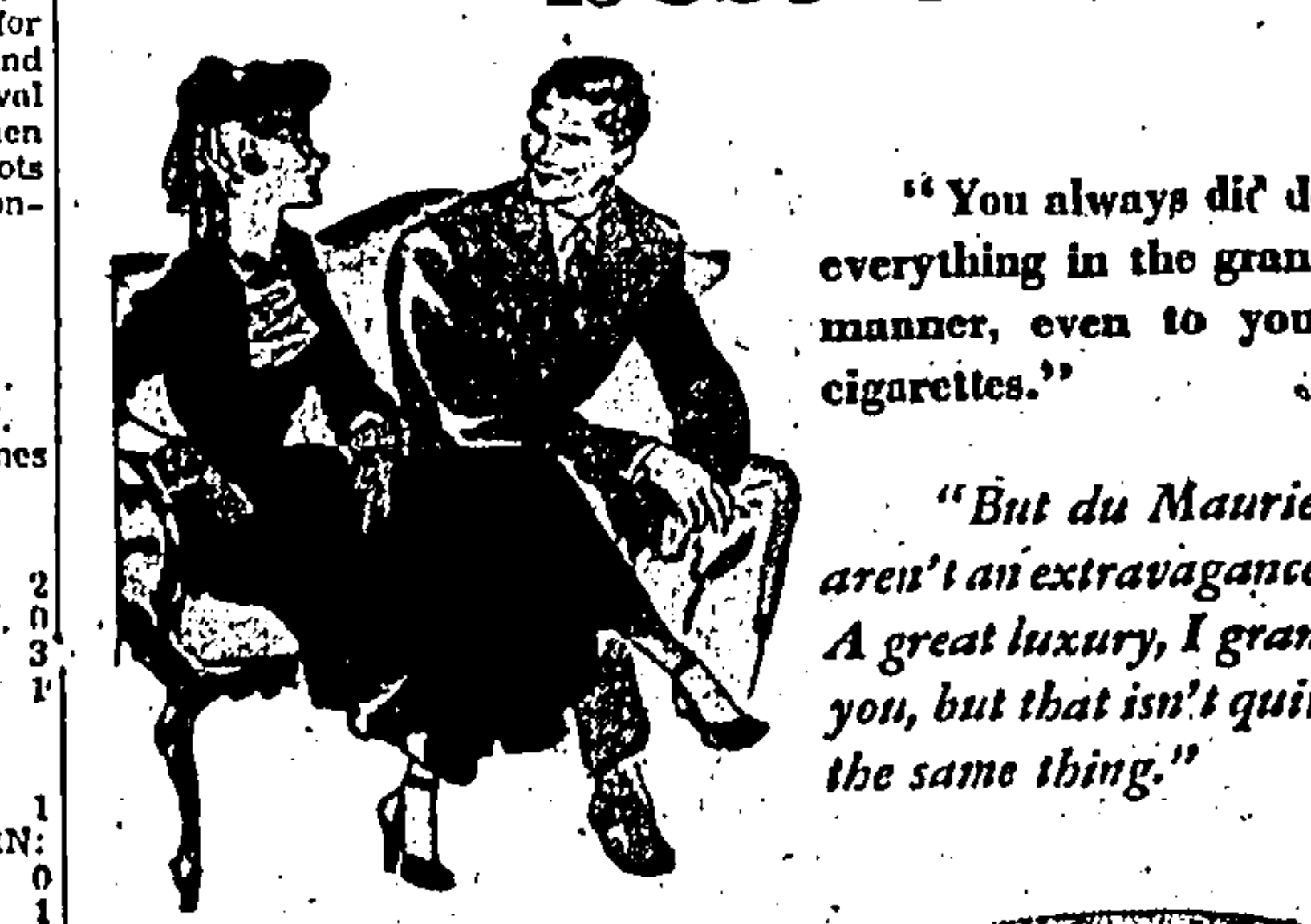
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago 8 11 13 0
Cleveland 11 13 0 0
Winning pitcher Mike Garcia, loser Al Gettel.
Philadelphia 6 11 0 0
Boston 10 10 0 0
Winning pitcher Earl Johnson, loser Charley Harris.
St. Louis 4 9 0 2
Detroit 3 10 2 0
Winning pitcher Karl Drews, loser Hal Newhouse.
There were three night games.

BASKETBALL RESULTS
The following were the results of basketball games played at the South China Athletic Association last night:

"A" DIVISION
Chinese YMCA 48 Kung Man 30

"B" DIVISION
Bat Kat 44 Ling Cheung 27
Chinese YMCA 40 Branch 28

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Entries In Fifth Race Meeting

Entries in the Fifth Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be run on May 7 at Happy Valley, follow:

1. Mount Nicholson Stakes (One Mile, Class 7 (1000 Pounds): Araxy (147), Buay Bue (117), Canadian Potito (147), Coogoo (147), Epitaph (147), Good News (147), Kollings (147), Liberty Diamond (147), Morning Sky (147), Republic (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunbuck (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

2. Mount Parker Stakes (Six Secs., Six Furlongs, Class 8 (Old Ponies): Euterilla (147), Flying Dragon (150), Gentleman Jim (147), Happy Boy (147), Hong Kong Maiden (147), National Glory (147), Radar (147), Shamrock (152), Silver (150) and Sprinter (150).

3. Talmeshon Stakes (Six Secs., One Mile, Class 7 (Old Ponies): Al Prince (147), Arxus II (147), Bronte (147), Chelva (152), Corrie Don (147), Emerald (147), Fluke Shot (147), Flying Arrow (152), Ingrid (147), Kells (152), Kwong Ming (147), Lightning (147), Marston (147), Miami Beauty (147), Peacock (147), Pearl Bridge (147), Rosebud (147), Shalin (152) and Stralhamers (147).

4. Mount Davis Stakes (Six Secs., From 2 M.P. (1000 Pounds): Balerina (147), By-the-way (147), Fiddle (147), Dolphin (147), Epitaph (147), Happy Farmers (147), Happy Return (147), Jorwick (147), Kwong Leung (147), Mimi (147) and Treasurer (147).

5. Victoria Peak Handicap (Six Secs., One Round, Class 2 (Old Ponies): Amoson, Blue Bay, Cooper, Happy Valley, Jee Lee, Lily, Lucky Strike, Richard I, Rose Enme and V.J. Day.

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"Twelfth Night" Opens At The Fleet Club

(By "FIRST NIGHTER")
Thunderous applause such that the Stage Club has never before experienced, greeted the curtain call of their star-studded production "Twelfth Night" at the China Fleet Club last night.

Once again the reasonably impeccable teamwork between Reinaldo Oblitas and Clifford Davis, brings to local theatre fans entertainment of an exceedingly high order, this time with Shakespeare's finest comedy that registers mirth with each minute of the hour, in every scene of the acts.

The main plot of the play rests in the complication that arises between a pair of twins, Viola and Sebastian.

Viola, surviving from a ship wreck does not know if her brother Sebastian is alive. She enters, disguised as a page, into the service of the Duke of Illyria, Orsino, (played well by Doris Orchard) who is passionately in love with the beautiful Olivia (appropriately with Elizabeth Hilde, in the role). Orsino sends his page to deliver love words to his Olivia.

The fair Olivia however falls in love with Viola thinking her to be a man. As the comedy develops, Sebastian dodges in and out of the scene leading to the complication.

The plot neatly unfolds itself to a hilarious climax with the ending that you would want.

Every play is a star in this production, which is forcefully extravagant in its intention to be colourful.

Fair Of Fun
Clifford Davis as the prankster, Sir Toby Belch, combines his natural cheerful personality with a character of the century and the audience more than a fair share of fun.

Producer-actor Reinaldo Oblitas (as Malvolio) received the evening's biggest hand last night after his performance in Olivia's garden scene, where the letter of love from Olivia (actually a joke of Sir Toby's, making) inspires him to romantic ideas. Here, he displays his art that has made him the Colony's foremost figure in things theatrical.

Viola is charmingly played by Corinne Wolfe, whose clear diction and sincere dramatic portrayal gives light to another Stage Club star, Mollie Terry as Sebastian, has a small part to play and does it well.

The pattern of rich comedy that makes "Twelfth Night" con-

tains the able support of Hubert Hawes as Sir Andrew, a foolish knight, whose make up resembles Harpo Marx and whose comedy suggests of that great comedienne and to pleasing effect.

In the role of Maria, a mischievous attendant to Olivia, completely in league with the jester Sir Toby and company, Irene Sisson gives a most pleasant performance. Elizabeth Hilde, together with Doris Orchard, shine in their perfect delivery of the lines and easy gestures and movements.

"Twelfth Night" merits its place as far as the best show of the year in art and entertainment. It they have to offer the next time, make one look forward to what? But the next time however, will see the absence of Clifford Davis, one of the staunchest pillars behind the Stage Club organisation, who is leaving for home.

With him go the best wishes who have for the past two years come to know him.

Washbrook Starts With Century
Cardiff, April 27. Cyril Washbrook, England and Lancashire opening batsman, began his cricket season with a characteristic century against the Champions, Glamorgan, here today.

Playing for an All-England XI in a two-day match, which is a prelude to the season's official opening on Saturday, Washbrook dominated the batting and completed his century in just over three hours. His stroke play, aided by quick footwork, was as varied as ever and throughout he played entertaining cricket before a 2,000 crowd, chilled by wintry weather conditions.

Washbrook altogether scored 115 and with Laurie Flashlock, who made 44, added 79 in as many minutes for the third wicket.

Eric Hedder scored a useful 61

before Norman Yardley declared the innings closed at 208 for 8 wickets.

When stumps were drawn for the day Glamorgan had made 71 for 3 in reply.—Reuter.